

United States Senate

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Dear Mr. Ruiz and Mr. Schwartz:

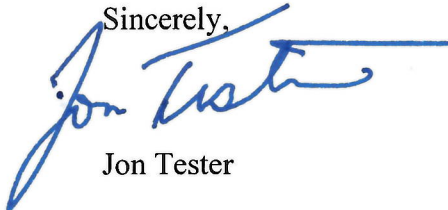
I write to urge the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to swiftly locate suitable space to reopen a facility in Fort Peck, Montana and to ask that you to share information on the timeline for when that location would be open to serve local customers.

I understand that in March, USPS temporarily moved some mail services from Fort Peck to Nashua due to issues with the boiler and asbestos at the Fort Peck post office. I have heard from dozens of Fort Peck residents and local officials who are worried that this move could become permanent and that they will be forced to drive to another town any time they want to visit their local post office.

While I believe that the move to Nashua is an appropriate short-term solution while USPS works with the local office's landlord and other stakeholders to address issues at the Fort Peck facility, USPS must work quickly to reinstate operations in Fort Peck. It is also critical that USPS management communicates its plans clearly with the roughly 300 postal customers served by the Fort Peck office.

I look forward to continuing to work with USPS to find a long term solution that provides certainty to postal customers in Fort Peck.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester