

I have closely followed the ongoing debate about whether or not to shut down mail processing at the William Street post office and transfer processing operations to Rochester. As many of you know, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has been conducting a study about this proposal, and I have a number of concerns about their work. I believe the USPS study has been hastily conducted and agree with the Postal Regulatory Commission that the study lacks proper analysis. Over 700 employees would be displaced if the William Street post office closed. These employees, and the residents of Buffalo, deserve a thorough, careful and credible analysis by the USPS.

On October 4th, I joined Rep. Higgins in writing a letter to the Postmaster General to oppose the proposed closing. I continue to believe that both the Buffalo and Rochester post offices should remain open, and provide jobs and vital services to the people and businesses of Western New York.

As someone who makes the drive between Buffalo and Rochester regularly, I can tell you that having our mail make that journey on a daily basis is foolish. At risk is the certainty of next day mail that is vital for our local businesses. This is one of the many reasons why I have asked the USPS not to close the William Street facility.