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September 15, 2009

The Honorable Patrick Henry  
House of Representatives  
PO Box 1830  
Hickory NC 28603-1830

Dear Representative McHenry;

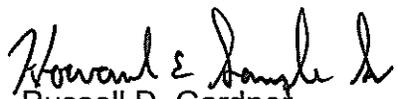
This letter is in response to your correspondence to me dated August 14 concerning the Area Mail Processing (AMP) study for the Hickory Mail Processing and Distribution Facility.

As a general update to the study, we have completed the data collection portion of the study and have provided the results to our Area office. We have also shared any concerns we have with the methodologies used to generate results and any issues we may have that were not covered in the data collection portion of the process. We are awaiting a response to our issues and a review of the data by the AMP team at the Area office. No decisions have been made and we do not have a set time frame at this point for that to occur.

As information, should the decision be made to move forward with the AMP process, the Hickory Processing and Distribution Facility would continue to process mail destinating to the offices it currently services in the 286 ZIP Code range. The AMP would only involve movement of the cancellation and outgoing mail processing operations.

We will continue to update your office as decisions are made concerning the facility in Hickory. Please contact me if you have additional concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

  
For Russell D. Gardner  
District Manager/Lead Executive