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PLEASE REPLY TO BURLINGTON DISTRICT OFFICE

May 15, 2006

Mr. James H. Adams  
District Manager, Customer Service and Sales  
United States Postal Service  
955 Goffs Falls Road, Suite 990  
Manchester, New Hampshire 03103

**Re: Request for Contract Postal Unit at Riverton Country Store – West Berlin, Vermont**

Dear Mr. Adams:

Congressman Sanders has asked me to send you a copy of the enclosed letter from his constituent, Ms. Patricia Flynn of Riverton, Vermont. As you can see, Ms. Flynn has requested Congressman Sanders' assistance concerning a proposed contract postal unit at the Riverton Country Store located in West Berlin (Riverton), Vermont.

Ms. Flynn informed our office that for many years West Berlin had its own U.S. Post Office and its own zip code. The West Berlin Post Office (and zip code 05668) was decommissioned approximately 10 years ago. Mailboxes were relocated to the Riverton Country Store and residents of West Berlin were able to pick-up their mail and send stamped mail at this location. As you can see, Ms. Flynn informed us that the Riverton Country Store is seeking designation from the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) as a contract postal unit so that they may offer postal services, with the exception of registered mail, to the West Berlin community. Ms. Flynn informed us that the town has grown and that there is a real need for the postal services the town is currently lacking.

Ms. Patricia A. McDonald, Chairperson of the Berlin Selectboard, is supportive that Ms. Flynn and Mr. Daniel McGowan of the Riverton Country Store are seeking restoration of some postal services to their village of West Berlin. Ms. McDonald indicates in the enclosed correspondence to USPS that the decommissioning of their post office was a grave loss to the community and that its presence has been sorely missed by the residents in and around West Berlin. We bring Ms. Flynn and Mr. McGowan's request that the Riverton Country Store be designated a contract postal unit in order to provide postal services to residents in and around West Berlin to your attention for your appropriate review and response.

We respectfully request that you look into this matter at your earliest convenience, and that you give full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable law and regulations, to Ms. Flynn's request. We also request that you keep our office apprised of your disposition in this matter. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kelley Goulette  
Constituent Advocate  
Congressman Bernie Sanders

Copy: Ms. Patricia Flynn