



## TOWN OF BERLIN, VERMONT

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Louis DeJoy, Postmaster General  
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Dear Mr. DeJoy:

The Town of Berlin Select Board and residents have been exploring the need for a post office and ZIP code serving the Town for over 20 years. Mail services are currently provided by three out of town post offices each with a separate zip code (Montpelier, Barre, Northfield). The lack of a Berlin ZIP code creates confusion with locating Berlin based locations delays the shipment and receipt of goods and compounds legal and regulatory processes.

With the flooding of the Montpelier Post Office and its multiple year closure anticipated now would be a perfect time to properly plan for the future and provide the residents of Berlin with the services they deserve. The current setup, compounded with the closure of the Montpelier Post office is not acceptable. Our residents and sizable business community are dependent on regular, effective mail service.

Over the years Berlin has transformed from a predominantly rural community to a conglomeration of residential, commercial, and service-oriented businesses. It has become both an economic center and employment hub for all of Central Vermont, with a vibrant and diverse mixture of business types and locations. Berlin has received "New Town Center" designation by the state and several projects are being developed to bring

infrastructure that will further advance the development of affordable housing, and employment opportunities to the town.

As a starting point I have enclosed the 2008 packet previously submitted on this topic. I believe a Berlin post office and ZIP code would be mutually beneficial and provide Berlin with the services desperately needed. I am eager to begin a conversation with you to further explore this opportunity.

Sincerely,



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Attachments

cc: U.S. Congressional Delegation