

Binghamton, NY - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today urged the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to reverse its proposal to close its processing and distribution facility in Binghamton. As part of the USPS's public comment period for the proposed closure, Hinchey sent a letter to USPS Acting District Manager Michael Haggerty, urging him to keep the Binghamton facility open for the benefit of postal customers, postal workers, and the community as a whole.

The full text of Hinchey's letter to Haggerty follows:

June 5, 2009

Michael Haggerty
Acting District Manager
United States Postal Service
30 Old Karner Road
Albany, New York 12288

RE: United States Postal Service's Area Mail Processing (AMP) feasibility study

Dear Mr. Haggerty:

I want to express my profound disappointment that the USPS's Binghamton Processing and Distribution Facility is once again being targeted for elimination. I understand that the AMP proposal for the Binghamton operation is now at the review stage and I want to urge your agency to give thoughtful consideration to the negative impacts that consolidation may have for customers, postal workers, and the community.

I understand that your agency is under tremendous pressure to modernize, safeguard, and streamline mail handling in order to remain competitive and viable in a changing market. However, I wish to make it very clear that I cannot support a consolidation plan that adversely impacts USPS employees or diminishes the level of service that my constituents depend on

from USPS. The efficient, timely services provided at the Binghamton mail processing facility are greatly appreciated by the entire community and the Binghamton postmark is a source of pride that deserves to be preserved. For these and many other reasons, I believe that the USPS should maintain its current operations in Binghamton.

I appreciate your consideration of my views on this important matter and ask to be kept informed on any decisions relating to this process.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Maurice D. Hinchey