

Sample Talking Points all Your Events, Flyers, Signs, Direct Mailings, Interviews, Newspaper Articles

Examples:

- Community health getting medicines & educational materials
- Lack of access to internet services
- Impact to local businesses
- Weather impact during storms & winter months
- Actual mileage involved to alternative sites
- Hours not open after or before work for community members
- Community center for patrons
- Bulletin Board notices
- Money order needs
- Immigrant services to ship packages to family outside USA
- Political mailings and local election ballots
- Voter registration
- Connection to government agencies
- Need effective and regular services to rural areas
- Gas costs including lost work hours
- Community living under poverty level
- Depend on post office to pay bills on time and receive goods and needs to our rural area
- Utilize the Post Office for all communications
- Businesses need to mail packages and need Saturday delivery

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- Need access to the post office during lunch hours
- Misquoted lease amount or misquoted cost savings projected
- 70% of post offices don't make profit. Rules say profit should not be a consideration to shut a post office down
- Compare alternative surveys done by the community
- Failed to reach all the patrons with USPS survey
- Announcing hours to be reduced within 30 days, not weighing input of the community
- A real post office provides over 37 services where alternate services provide 2-3 services
- The number of businesses within the community will be hurt and could close and leave the community, devastating the town
- A post office provides affordable postage fees
- A post office provides universal reliable mail service
- The post office provides a non-threatening place for unbanked to conduct financial transactions such as purchasing money orders
- The community will be adversely affected financially
- Business growth will end for retail stores, gas stations, eating establishments
- Loss of employment in the community
- Cost of attempting electronic mail

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- Mail delays
- Loss in revenue to businesses in the community
- Increased vehicle emissions
- Loss in sales tax and property tax
- Loss in attracting new business
- Not adequate for the elderly and the disabled
- Denied access to voter registration, absentee ballots and passport applications
- Denied a positive image of the community
- Decrease in lease revenues when post office is vacated
- Increased driving, more accidents, wear & tear on the rural roads
- Economic issues of the community