

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2506

August 21, 2023

The Honorable Louis DeJoy
Postmaster General
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 10300
Washington D.C. 202160

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy:

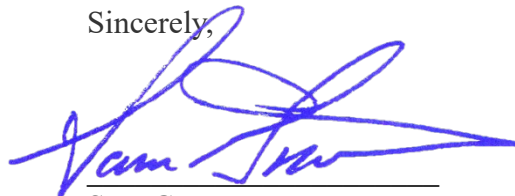
I write to express my concern regarding the damages sustained to the United States Post Office in Baring, Missouri earlier this month and inquire about the United States Postal Service's (USPS) plan to reopen.

As you are aware, the Post Office in Baring has been temporarily closed due to major damage the building sustained during a tornado that hit the town on August 4, 2023. The USPS issued an alert stating that all delivery, retail, and PO Box operations will be rerouted through the Post Office in Edina, Missouri.¹ I have been further informed that the Postal Service will be sending out a team to inspect the Baring facility in the upcoming weeks and will formulate a plan of action after this visit.

The small, tight-knit community of Baring has been home to a United States Post Office since the town was founded in 1889. This tragic disaster has devastated their community, but the people of Baring have come together, along with first responders and volunteers from surrounding communities to rebuild. The community of Baring might be small, but it is strong. I ask that the United States Postal Service join in this rebuilding effort by finding a suitable location in Baring for the Post Office to reopen in a timely manner. It's critical the people of Baring continue to have access to vital postal services for generations to come.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Nichols, District Director for Congressman Sam Graves, at bryan.nichols@mail.house.gov or (573) 221-3400.

Sincerely,



Sam Graves
Member of Congress

¹ (2023) *The Baring, MO Post Office will be temporarily closed due to structural damage. Available at:* <https://about.usps.com/newsroom/local-releases/mo/2023/0805-baring-mo-po-will-be-temporarily-closed.htm>.