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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

Subject: Request for Unique ZIP Code Designation for Highland City, Utah

Dear Members of the Committee:

Highland City, Utah respectfully requests congressional support to obtain a **unique ZIP code designation** for our community.

Highland City **previously petitioned** the U.S. Postal Service for a ZIP Code Boundary Review, but **was denied** due to projected growth not meeting USPS thresholds. (See attached response from Julie Stanley, Manager of Rural Delivery, Address Management Systems Operations Program Support.) We are now **seeking legislative action—specifically, through** Congressman Mike Kennedy—to direct USPS to assign Highland City its own Zip code.

Highland City has approximately **5,500 households** and **23,000 residents** with ongoing growth - **500 new homes** added in the past two years and **250 more homes expected** soon. The city's continued growth and distinct community identity clearly warrant a separate ZIP code. Despite not currently meeting USPS criteria, the following issues merit congressional consideration:

Key Issues:

- **Sales Tax Revenue Loss:** A large portion of Utah's sales tax distribution is based on the location of the purchase and is coded based on ZIP code. Because American Fork is a larger municipality, some revenue that should come to Highland, is being misallocated to American Fork and is estimated at \$4.9 million annually.
- **Public Safety Risks:** When a resident calls 911, it is vital to minimize any possible delays. A shared ZIP code can delay emergency response due to address confusion.
- **Mail & Delivery Errors:** Frequent issues arise from Highland addresses being misidentified as American Fork.

- **Insurance Rate Impacts:** Incorrect city designation leads to potentially higher premiums, as American Fork has higher crime and traffic related issues than Highland does.
- **84003 ZIP Code Capacity:** Assigning Highland its own ZIP code will preserve capacity in 84003 for American Fork's growth.

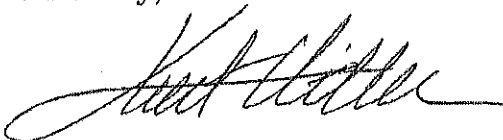
For many years, residents have raised the Zip code issue publicly—both during **City Council meetings** and on **social media platforms**—urging city leadership to continue advocating for Highland's own ZIP code. It has also become a recurring **topic in local political campaigns**, reflecting broad community support for this designation.

As Mayor, City Council, and staff, we can attest that Highland City has **formally petitioned the USPS** for a unique ZIP code designation and has not been successful. However, other Utah municipalities of similar size—such as Vineyard City—have recently obtained a unique ZIP codes despite comparable population and recent growth rates.

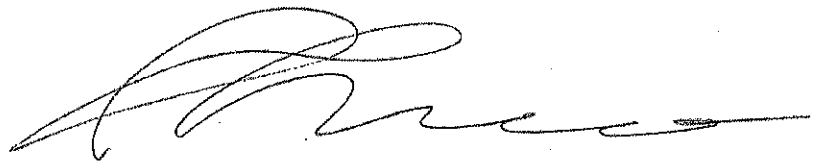
Accordingly, we respectfully request that the **Committee on Oversight and Government Reform** support legislative or administrative action enabling Highland City, Utah, to receive its own **distinct ZIP code** to better serve our residents, improve tax and service accuracy, and recognize our city's established identity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

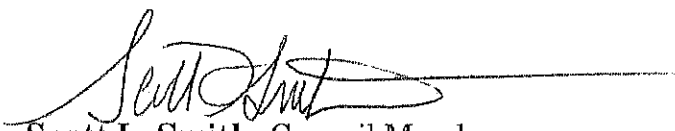
Sincerely,




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