



**The United States Postal Service's Statement for the Record
House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands
Legislative Hearing
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The United States Postal Service would like to share with Members of the House Natural Resources Committee that we strongly oppose H.R. 4716. By law, the Postal Service must be self-sustaining, and we cannot absorb additional costs or liabilities that jeopardize our ability to meet this legislative mandate. In addition, we generally receive no tax dollars for operating expenses and rely on the sale of postage, products, and services to fund operations, including changes to our retail footprint.

Specifically, the type of transfer mechanism contained in H.R. 4716 may result in the Postal Service being responsible for remediation of any environmental containment on the property. This would likely create an unnecessary expense that we cannot afford at this time. Moreover, the Postal Service looks to add or expand retail offices only when it makes business sense to do so. Mandating the creation of a Post Office would not only violate our independence and business judgement to determine the size and scope of our retail network, but the costs associated with the mandatory creation of a Post Office would also create a potentially unnecessary expense to the Postal Service.

In addition, the legislation is a solution to a problem the Postal Service is already working to resolve. In order to service the growing number of delivery points in the Lehi area, including Saratoga Springs, the Postal Service is considering a new facility to support our delivery operations in the area. Specific details, including a specific location, type of facility, or a decision on whether to lease or own, are still being evaluated.

Therefore, we urge consideration of our opposition during any potential markup of H.R. 4716.