

*Lawmakers seek meeting after USPS fails to respond to requests for information about decision to close Sioux City Facility*

Washington D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) announces that he, Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA), have requested a meeting with Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe to discuss the Postal Service's plan to move the operations of the Sioux City Processing and Distribution Facility to a facility in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The lawmakers are requesting a face-to-face meeting with the Postmaster General to discuss the Postal Service's failure to respond to concerns the lawmakers and the community have expressed about the Sioux City AMP decision. King, Grassley and Harkin made this request by letter to the Postmaster General.

Statement from Congressman Steve King:

*"For months, Siouxlanders have been asking the Postal Service for critical information regarding the decision to close Sioux City's mail processing center. Nearly a month ago, I joined our senators in asking the Postal Service to allow the community the opportunity to provide informed input about the plan to close the facility and to meet with city officials to discuss possible alternatives to closure. We also asked that a new decision be made in light of the community's input. To date we've received no response from the Postmaster General, so I look forward to asking him these questions in person," King said.*

Statement from Senator Chuck Grassley:

*"A meeting would help to establish accountability, which has been lacking in the way the Postal Service handled its decision making about the Sioux City center. The Postal Service holds a public trust, and the public deserves a response, in this case through their elected representatives," Grassley said.*

Statement from Senator Tom Harkin:

*"It is imperative we meet with the Postmaster General. I have had concerns that the Postal Service has been more interested in checking a box in terms of receiving public input than in truly hearing from the community and addressing citizens' concerns.*

*"This is a significant matter to Sioux City and western Iowa. Many important questions have remained unanswered and I am committed to ensuring Iowans' voices are heard before the USPS makes such a critical decision impacting the communities, businesses and jobs in Western Iowa," Harkin said.*

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