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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today encouraged local residents to write to the United States Postal Service (USPS) and urge them to keep the New Castle Mail Processing Facility open. Late last week, Altmire received a letter from USPS which said that any comments received from the public – either in writing or during a possible public meeting – will be considered as USPS makes its final determination regarding the postal facility’s future.

USPS’s letter to Altmire was sent in response to a letter that Altmire sent along with Senators Specter and Casey on May 20 urging USPS to keep the New Castle Mail Processing Facility open.

“I urge everyone who wants to keep the New Castle Mail Processing Facility open to write to USPS and tell them how important this facility is to our community,” Altmire said. “The New Castle Mail Processing Facility is one of the most efficient mail processing facilities in the nation, and it provides our region with a vitally important service. I am committed to doing everything I can to keep the New Castle Mail Processing Facility open.”

People who wish to send letters to USPS about the New Castle Mail Processing Facility should send their letters to the following address:

Consumer Affairs Manager
1001 California Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15290-2333

Although Congress does not have oversight over USPS’s operational decisions, Altmire has been doing everything he can to advocate for the New Castle Mail Processing Facility. In addition to joining with Senators Specter and Casey to send a letter to the Postmaster General, Altmire also sent his own letter to the Manager of the Western Pennsylvania District, Elizabeth Gordon, urging her to keep the facility open. Altmire also met with New Castle postal workers on June 1 to talk about what he can do to help.