

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 21, 2026

Postmaster General David Steiner
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, DC 20260-0010

Dear Postmaster General Steiner:

We are concerned about the current closure and status of renovations of the South Erie Post Office located at 3607 Poplar Street, Erie, PA, 16508. The South Erie Post Office's continued closure is a burden on the Erie community, and we urge the Postal Service to reopen this facility as soon as possible.

The South Erie Post Office suspended operations in October 2025 for repairs.¹ Erie residents who do not drive struggle to access alternative post offices, while others report long waits at retail counters to retrieve their rerouted mail. In addition, we are concerned about dangerous conditions at the South Erie Post Office, including missing windows, holes in the pavement, and unhoused individuals sleeping on the premises. Unless the South Erie Post Office reopens soon, residents worry that they will face another holiday season without their local post office.²

Our offices learned that the South Erie Post Office is set to reopen in November 2026, but USPS has not communicated this with the community,³ and the current condition of the building leaves that timeline in doubt. The Erie community relies on this post office for essential services and it deserves answers about when services will be restored. To that end, we request your response in writing to the following questions no later than September 4, 2026.

1. What is the status of repairs at the South Erie Post Office? What work has been done so far and what remains to be completed?

¹ United States Postal Service, *Temporary Closure of the South Erie Post Office* (Oct. 17, 2025), <https://about.usps.com/newsroom/local-releases/pa/2025/1017-temporary-closure-of-south-erie-post-office.htm>; see also Philip Ward, *Petition to Reopen South Erie Post Office Surpasses 100 Signatures*, Erie News Now (Jul. 29, 2026), https://www.erienewsnow.com/news/petition-to-reopen-south-erie-post-office-surpasses-100-signatures/article_00ddb984-ae97-476b-b1d7-69530efae939.html?utm_campaign=blox&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social.

² Matt Impelli, *Postal Pains: Urgent USPS Christmas battle underway after post office doors sealed shut as Americans fight for answers*, The U.S. Sun (Aug. 13, 2026), <https://www.the-sun.com/news/16837560/usps-post-office-closed-erie-pennsylvania/>.

³ Philip Ward, *Over 300 Erie Residents Sign Petition to Reopen South Erie Post Office*, Erie News Now (Aug. 4, 2026), https://www.erienewsnow.com/news/over-300-erie-residents-sign-petition-to-reopen-south-erie-post-office/article_03ab5533-1667-4c67-bb2c-b88b35e547d1.html, quoting a statement from the United States Postal Service, "The Postal Service is currently working on returning services to the South Erie Post Office, however, a timeframe is yet to be determined."

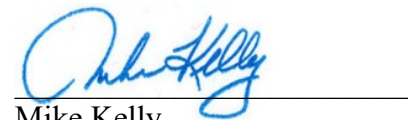
2. Will the South Erie Post Office reopen and be fully operational in November 2026?
3. Are there plans to permanently close or relocate services provided by the South Erie Post Office? If so, please provide additional information on these plans.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact our offices.

Sincerely,



John Fetterman
U.S. Senator



Mike Kelly
U.S. Representative