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## SENATOR BLUMENTHAL AND MAYOR SEGARRA ADVOCATE TO KEEP BLUE HILLS POST OFFICE OPEN

(Hartford, CT) - Senator Richard Blumenthal today joined Hartford Mayor Pedro Segarra and community leaders at the Blue Hills Post Office in Hartford to advocate keeping the office open, as well as encourage the community to voice their support for the branch. The United States Postal Service (USPS) has recently proposed closing the branch as part of a nationwide effort to shut down nearly 3,700 post offices across the country, including laying off nearly 120,000 postal workers, including a number of local branches in Connecticut.

**"An uproar and outpouring of community support-- and I pledge to join that fight, can stop the devastating decision to shut this facility, which is vital to small business, jobs and the entire community. The Blue Hills Post Office creates hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue, and closure would cause residents, especially seniors, who do not have access to their own transportation to travel to other points to conduct business, stay in touch with their families and pay their bills,"** said Blumenthal. **"I will continue to work with the Mayor and other members of the delegation to fight this closure and encourage community members to make their voices heard."**

**"The potential closure of three locations (Woodland Street, Unity Plaza, and Ann Ucello Street) are very much a concern and we have already contact our entire federal legislative delegation about the detrimental impact that the closure of these facilities will have on the respective communities that they serve. Community-wise, the spirit and convenience of these facilities is infectious. Many people from the immediate neighborhoods shop, pray, and utilize their local post office. It contributes to the quality of life and the vibrancy of the community,"** said Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra.

Blue Hills Post Office is a high revenue location, taking in over \$400,000 a year in revenue for the past four years with over 71% of the P.O. boxes in use. The USPS has proposed cutting 15 post offices in Connecticut in addition to the nearly 3,700 it has slated nationwide.

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