



*Brockton, Massachusetts*  
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*Linda M. Balzotti – Mayor*

TESTIMONY OF MAYOR LINDA M. BALZOTTI  
TO  
THE UNITED STATE POSTAL SERVICE  
ON  
THE AREA MAIL PROCESS (AMP) FEASIBILITY STUDY  
January 4, 2012

Good evening. My name is Linda M. Balzotti and I am Mayor of the City of Brockton.

I want to thank the United States Postal Service for holding this meeting in the city, and offering the community an opportunity to weigh in on this important issue.

Brockton has been dramatically impacted by this difficult economy and continues to struggle. Our unemployment rate was roughly three percent higher than the state and federal averages for most of 2011.

In this tough economy, any job loss is a significant one. Closing this facility would present another challenge to our ongoing efforts to maintain and expand employment opportunities to residents.

The closure of this processing center would also impact the customer service experience for those using Brockton post office branches.

While I cite the economy as a challenge the City of Brockton is working diligently to overcome I am also aware that it has presented the same concerns for the Postal Service.

I ask for your thoughtful and careful consideration as you make difficult decision regarding the future of the United States Postal Service and ask you to please reconsider any decisions to close the Liberty Street Processing and Distribution Facility.

Thanks you for your time and consideration.