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## **Bell Calls for Toledo Post Offices to Remain Open**

Mike Bell today called for the USPS to examine other cost saving options as an alternative to closing two Toledo area post offices.

Standing outside of the Point Place branch post office and joined by local residents and business owners Bell spoke to the media before dropping in the mail a letter to the Postmaster General asking for alternative options to be examined for these locations.

Citizens can also submit their own letters to the USPS and the Postal Regulatory Commission at:

Mr. John Potter  
Postmaster General  
US Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW  
Washington, DC 20260-0010

Ms. Ruth Y. Goldway  
Chairman  
Postal Regulatory Commission  
9901 New York Ave., N.W., Suite 200  
Washington DC 20268-0091

Due to heavy financial losses, the USPS has recommended a study to examine closing approximately 3,200 postal locations across the country. Locally, the Point Place branch and the Midtown station on Dorr St. are at risk of closure – and these neighborhoods would lose an important resource for traditional commerce and communication.

Toledo's former fire chief and former State Fire Marshal, Mr. Bell is running for Mayor as an Independent. He grew up in North Toledo and his parents still live there. One of the main reasons he returned from his job in Columbus to enter the Mayor's race was to help preserve Toledo's unique neighborhoods.

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