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The Hon. David P. Steiner
Postmaster General
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Dear Postmaster General Steiner:

On July 20, 2025, the Almaden Valley Post Office in my district suffered an arson attack, leaving the facility almost completely destroyed and unusable. While I deeply appreciate your communication with my staff on this matter, and efforts to continue mail service in the area, United States Post Offices represent a lifeblood for my constituents, and this unfortunate incident remains a debilitating blow to the community I represent. I request that you promptly repair and reopen the Almaden Valley Post Office in San Jose, provide a clear timeline for reopening, and outline of how my constituents will remain served through the repairs.

Your office has informed me that the crash and fire burned 98 percent of the Almaden Valley Post Office. While I am informed that mail delivery has continued uninterrupted, I am troubled to learn that Almaden Valley postal customers have been told they may only pick up their mail between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM at the Willow Glen Post Office, a more than six mile drive from the Almaden Valley Post Office. Offering pickup services during such a short period, during regular business hours when many of my constituents are working, poses an unrealistic standard and an excessive burden on those I represent. Furthermore, considering the extent of the damage in Almaden Valely, I am concerned that my constituents will face an unacceptably long period in which they are effectively unable to access their mail, especially when the regular business hours at Willow Glen are the more reasonable 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

With this in mind, I respectfully request the following from you and your team:

- That USPS provide a public timeline for full repairs and reopening at the Almaden Valley Post Office, including details such as planning, contracting, and construction.
- That USPS expand pickup hours to allow Almaden Valley Post Office customers to collect their mail during the full operating hours at the Willow Glenn Post Office.

- That USPS commit to working and communicating with my staff throughout this process.

I recognize what an unusual and unfortunate situation has occurred in Almaden Valley, and I deeply appreciate your work so far to keep my constituents and myself updated on the situation. Thank you for your time and prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Panetta', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Jimmy Panetta
Member of Congress