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Good morning,

George Farenthold, an Aurora Village Trustee, came to me with a concern he has in the Village with regards to the possible move of the Aurora Post Office from its current location to the Heary Building next door. As I am sure you are aware, Mr. Farenthold is very interested in the seeing the move progress.

The concern he raised was over timelines for the move, should it be agreed to by the United States Postal Service. As I understand it, this move has been in discussion nearly three years. He is concerned that if the move is not formally approved by June 1st, that the Village could lose a \$1 million grant that had previously been earmarked by the former Aurora Foundation. This money was going to be used for landscaping and creating a tiered parking area adjacent to the Heary Building once the old Post Office is demolished.

As part of the master plan in the Village and the movement of post office, officials wanted to create a public park. The land was going to be given to the Village by Wells College. Mr. Farenthold believes that the Village could potentially lose the land that the College was going to give them for the park because the monies for upkeep would not be available if the \$1 million grant is lost.

The Village has been working diligently on beautifying their Village. I am wondering if you might be able to outline the process with regards to the Post Office's intent to move and what the next steps are in light of the possible loss of grant funds?

Your help with this project is greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact Crystal Purcell of my Auburn Office if you have any questions. She can be reached at 17 East Genesee Street, Auburn, New York 13021 and 315-252-2777.

Warmest regards,



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Member of Congress