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Gwen,

I am thinking again and we know how dangerous that can be. I map quested the distances from proposed plant to plants under study for closure. It seems that the Post Office doesn't even follow it's own rules when it moves employees. The hardship and inconvenience to the employees must be kept to a minimum seems to go right out the window. The Post office built the Philadelphia plant on Lindbergh in recent years to replace the old 30<sup>th</sup> street station. However they built it within 12 miles of the Bellmawr plant. Now they have two relatively large plants in a small area. So to keep the Philadelphia plant full of mail they take in Southeastern Pa. Bellmawr now wants to take in Wilmington. However the distances between them is such that Philadelphia should be taking Bellmawr and reopening Southeastern. It is only 11.63 miles from the Philly plant to the Bellmawr plant, a 21 minute drive according to mapquest. The distance from Bellmawr to Wilmington is 36.46 miles or a 44 minute drive. And from Philly to Wilmington its 29.49 miles or a 38 minute drive. Their fuel costs would be astronomical alone. With the rest of the planet trying to "Go Green" the USPS would be adding more pollution thru exhaust emissions from their vehicles, not to mention the additional wear and tear on them. The local population would be subject to more traffic, more noise and congestion. Would you drive 30 miles to get your mail processed and delivered when you could drive 12 miles? What happened to making business sense and saving money??



Isn't what this is about? They are going the long way around the barn to try and save the Bellmawr plant, I believe its because of the Administrative offices located there. But remember the district office employees do not touch one piece of mail for processing or delivery. I understand that their jobs are necessary and important to the USPS , however the Bellmawr plant should not be overlooked for consolidation just because it houses more administrative positions than the plants under consideration for closure. Please share this with the Senators and Congressmen

In Unionism

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill", written in a cursive style.

William Lennon