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I know it's out of your jurisdiction, but the situation at Petersburg's Post Office is hurting local residents including businesses. Last I knew only two people were working there and rumor has it, every time a new employee gets hired, then trained, they quit. I know one employee who loved the job and next thing I knew, she quit. Something is wrong and Petersburg residents are paying for it with long waits in line and prolonged potential exposure to covid.

Petersburg wants to attract new businesses to town and yet any potential business owner would need to plan on spending at least an hour in line for any transaction requiring mail service. That's certainly not an inducement to locate here.

As a governing body with more clout than individual citizens can you petition for help from higher ups in the Postal Service or does it need to come from our Congressional delegation? As an alternative, since covid is likely to be here for a long time, what about starting home delivery in Petersburg. If the Postal Service puts that out on contract, the hiring of local employees could be circumvented. I don't know how we would start that process, but if that's the solution, how do we get it started?

Petersburg residents need help and the status quo hasn't changed for way too long.

Thanks for any help you can provide.

Don Cornelius