

Rep. Oakes offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 367.

A resolution to urge the United States Postal Service to keep open the Saginaw, Michigan, mail processing and distribution center.

Whereas, On November 15, 2010, the United States Postal Service concluded an Area Mail Processing (AMP) survey to determine whether or not to consolidate the Saginaw Processing and Distribution Center operations into the Michigan Metroplex in Pontiac, Michigan. The postal service is considering consolidation in order to reduce a budget shortfall for the Greater Michigan Postal District; and

Whereas, There are many observers who feel the move to close the Saginaw facility will not bring about a commensurate increase in efficiencies, but will result instead in a deterioration of service. Clearly, every effort must be made to encourage the highest standards of responsiveness to customers; and

Whereas, If the consolidation of operations were to occur, nearly 46 positions are expected to be lost or transferred out of the region to other postal facilities. This would have a detrimental impact on the Saginaw economy as well-paying jobs flee the area. In addition, closing the Saginaw mail processing operations will result in a lower standard of service because without the processing center, mail cannot be delivered to this region in an efficient and timely manner; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the United States Postal Service to maintain mail processing services out of Saginaw; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Postal Service.