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Mayor Asks Citizens to Oppose Closing of Social Security Office

Bristol, CT, September 20, 2006 – In a prepared release, Mayor William T. Stortz called on all Bristol citizens to join together to oppose the closing of our local Social Security office.

“I have been informed by the regional office of Social Security that the local office will close by December 31, 2006, with operations and services moved to New Britain. This clearly creates a hardship for the many Bristol and Bristol area citizens who use the Bristol office”, stated Stortz.

“I have been in contact with both the regional office (Boston) and our congressional representative’s (John Larson) office to see what can be done to prevent the closing.

Since this is a federal program, they should be the main contact, but contacting your local representative on asking them to intervene would help, also,” continued Stortz.

Stortz went on to say, “I suggest that concerned citizens call Congressman Larson’s district office at (860) 278-8888 or write to request that the effort to close the local office be stopped immediately. Correspondence for Congressman Larson’s office should be mailed to 221 Main Street, 2nd Floor Hartford, CT 06106.

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The phone number for the Social Security Regional Commissioner's office is 617-565-2870. The mailing address is Social Security, 19th Floor, John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203."

Stortz concluded, "By working together and contacting them, we can demonstrate just how important the local office is to all of us and convince them to keep the office open."

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