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I am a long-time resident of the South University area, and I was dismayed to hear that a developer plans to build a high-rise apartment building at 1208 South University, with no plans, as far as I know, to relocate the post office or the businesses, including Pinball Pete's, an Ann Arbor institution. What concerns me most of all is the loss of the post office branch, with no plans to relocate it to a place that would be within easy walking distance to residents of the South University area. I rely on the post office branch for mailing packages. I don't drive or own a car. It would be very difficult for me to walk to the post office on Liberty, carrying a heavy package, especially in the winter. The only other option would be to take a taxi, which would be very expensive. Closing the South University post office branch would be a major inconvenience to the residents of South University who don't drive or keep a car on campus. Many students, including international students, rely on this post office branch to send packages.

I would like to draw your attention to another time, back in 2009, when the post office branch was faced with closure, and then-Representative John Dingell saved it. Here is a link to an article from the Michigan Daily from that time. People's concerns about the post office were the same then as they are now:

<https://www.michigandaily.com/uncategorized/south-u-post-office-remain-open/>

If the plan must go forward and the current building has to be torn down, at least the post office could be relocated to a place nearby.

Thank you for listening to my concern.

Sincerely,
Vicki Kondelik