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Dear Ms. Barton:

Articles you recently distributed privately into United States postal mailboxes were removed for our inspection. Our office received complaints from the residents of

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You may not be aware that only mail accepted into the Postal Service bearing paid postage is permitted to be delivered to our customer postal mailboxes. Private distribution of items into a postal mailbox by persons other than postal personnel is not permissible, and may violate federal law (18 USC 1725). One of our primary goals is the security of the U.S. Mail, and while we are confident that you meant no harm by distributing private materials into the mailboxes of some of our customers, it raises security concerns for those citizens involved. The majority of postal customers prefer that the contents of their mailboxes remain secure and confidential once delivered, and entry into mailboxes by non-U.S. Postal Service personnel can diminish this security.

The Postal Service would welcome your business and provide you with excellent customer service should you choose to send these articles via U.S. Mail in the future. If you have any further questions, you can feel free to contact our office, or visit the U.S. Postal Service website at www.usps.com. I thank you for your cooperation with the mailing requirements.


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