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For Planning Purposes

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TODAY, 10/16:

**Bronx Elected Officials, Postal Workers Call for Reestablishment of
Postal Banking Services**

The Bronx – Today, October 16, congressmen José E. Serrano, Joe Crowley, and Adriano Espaillat, Democrats representing New York, will join other Bronx elected officials and postal union workers to call for the reestablishment of affordable banking services inside postal offices in the Bronx and the rest of the country.

Congressman Serrano and local elected officials have been leading efforts in Congress and at the local level for the U.S. Postal Service to take immediate action, under its existing authority, to provide affordable financial services -- including ATMs, paycheck cashing, bill payment and electronic money transfers.

Currently, more than 50 percent of the Bronx population either do not have a bank account or use cheaper alternative financial institutions even though they have a bank account. Participants will explain why postal banking is a win-win-win proposal and a service that the U.S. Postal Service can easily offer again.

WHAT:

Local elected officials and postal workers call for the reestablishment of banking services inside postal offices to expand access to free or low-cost banking services in the Bronx.

WHO:

Congressman José E. Serrano

Congressman Joe Crowley

Congressman Adriano Espaillat

Jonathan Smith, President of the New York Metro Area Postal Union, APWU, AFL-CIO

Katherine Isaac, Campaign for Postal Banking, APWU

Vincent Alvarez, President of the New York City Central Labor Council

WHEN:

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 3:00pm

WHERE:

Hunts Point Post Office -- 800 Manida Street, Bronx, NY 10471

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Congressman José E. Serrano has represented The Bronx in Congress since 1990