

U.S. Rep. Moore: SSA office closure eliminates vital services to Milwaukee's south side

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To Whom It May Concern - In response to the announced closure of the Mitchell Street Social Security Administration Branch Office, Congresswoman Gwen Moore (WI-04) wrote numerous letters to the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) urging that the decision be reconsidered.

"I have a strong interest in this decision because the Mitchell Street Branch Office is located in my congressional district," wrote Congresswoman Moore. "The City of Milwaukee's south side is home to the largest Hispanic population in the state. The Mitchell Street Branch Office provides services to constituents with limited English ability. The closing of that office not only takes away much needed services to the community, but it also creates a challenge to accessing services as the closest branch is the Downtown Branch, which has limited access to parking. My office has received calls regarding this matter from concerned City Officials, including City of Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Alderman Jose Perez."

Earlier today, Congresswoman Moore released the following statement:

"In January, my office was informed that the Mitchell Street SSA Branch Office would be closing and their 15 employees relocated to the four remaining branches on March 22. In response, my office has written letters to the SSA and GSA identifying a South Side relocation alternative. As I investigate this matter further, I am hopeful that the SSA will move forward immediately with opening another branch that provides crucial services and resources to residents in zip codes 53204, 53207, and 53235 (City of St. Francis) as failure to do so would put an undue burden on my

constituents, especially those who call Milwaukee's South Side home.”

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