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Francis Thomas
Regional Administrator
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Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building
10 Causeway Street
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RE: Thomas J. McIntyre Building, 80 Daniel Street, Portsmouth, NH

Dear Administrator Thomas:

It is with disappointment that I learned you have cancelled our meeting for the second day in a row.

It is deeply regrettable that you are unwilling to meet. As a Mayor, who has stood with President Biden just down the street from my office, I heard firsthand his commitment to work with local officials like myself. I hope you reconsider this decision to ignore a request to meet with me on behalf of my constituents. If you are uncomfortable meeting, could you assist me in requesting a meeting with the GSA Administrator?

I have included our federal delegation in this response to share my surprise with your decision.

While we lead our respective organizations, we serve the people. It is important, as we receive guidance from our trusted staff, to understand that there will be times when we must push back for what we believe to be right. I hope you are willing to hear from us directly.

The faith and confidence of our governmental institutions depends on it.

I look forward to your formal response.

With Respect,


Deaglan McEachern
Mayor of Portsmouth

cc: New Hampshire Congressional Delegation