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The Honorable Rand Paul
Chairman
Senate Committee on Homeland
Security and Governmental Affairs
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Gary Peters
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Homeland
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Dear Chairman Paul and Ranking Member Peters,

We write in strong support of H.R. 1706, which would designate the United States Postal Service facility at 1200 William Street in Buffalo, New York, as the William J. Donovan Post Office Building. William J. Donovan is a true American hero who dedicated his life to serving his community in Western New York and his nation, both at home and abroad. We urge your support in ensuring quick passage of the bill in the Senate.

During World War I, Mr. Donovan was selected to lead the 165th Infantry (69th New York), and in 1923, he received the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in the battle at Landres-et-Saint-Georges, where he refused to depart from the battlefield until all members of his unit were accounted for—despite sustaining three bullet wounds. Following World War I, Mr. Donovan served his nation in a new way, as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of New York, where he gained recognition for his vigorous efforts to fight crime. Notably, he later served as an Assistant Attorney General under Calvin Coolidge.

During World War II, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt relied on Mr. Donovan to develop a centralized intelligence organization to better meet the new challenges posed by modern global conflict. Mr. Donovan thereafter served his nation in a new role, the founding director of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), which later became the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Under his leadership, the OSS positioned our nation as a global leader in national security, by coordinating intelligence gathering, carrying out covert operations, and promoting cooperation with Allied forces and resistance movements across Nazi-occupied Europe.

In March 1943, Mr. Donovan was promoted to Brigadier General, and by November 1944, he became a two-star Major General in the U.S. Army. His efforts in combat contributed directly to the Allied victory in World War II, and his leadership at OSS built the foundation for his legacy as the “Father of American Intelligence”, which lives on today in the institutions that help keep Americans safe every day.

For all of the above reasons, we fully support designating the United States Postal Service Facility in Buffalo, New York, as the William J. Donovan Post Office Building.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator