

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 4, 2026

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Dear Mr. Cook and Mr. Ternus,

As Members of the Maryland congressional delegation, we write to express serious concern regarding Apple's reported decision to close its retail store at Towson Town Center in Towson<sup>1</sup>, Maryland, effective June 20, 2026, without plans to reopen or relocate this store within the Baltimore region.

We understand that the Towson store has been in a strong-performing location and has recently expanded its workforce. Given these factors, we seek a clearer understanding of the rationale behind this decision, including whether alternatives—such as relocation within the Baltimore region or other operational adjustments—were meaningfully considered. We also seek confirmation that displaced workers will not be left behind by the closure decision, and will have the same access to support as other Apple employees.

To better understand this matter, we respectfully request responses to the following:

1. What factors led to the decision to close this location despite its reported performance, and were alternatives to closure fully evaluated?
2. What analysis did Apple conduct to assess the economic and workforce impacts of closing the Towson location, particularly on the nearly 100 employees affected?
3. What specific measures does Apple plan to take to support impacted employees, including severance, job placement assistance, and the ability to transfer locations? Will Apple commit to providing displaced employees the ability to immediately transfer to another Apple store location?

Beyond its workforce impact, the closure of this store will significantly affect residents and small businesses across the Baltimore region. This closure would directly impact approximately 90–100 employees, resulting in a substantial loss of household income circulating within the local economy, as these workers typically spend their earnings on housing, food, transportation, and essential services. The closure would also eliminate a localized service hub for small and mid-sized businesses in Baltimore County, increasing transaction costs—including additional time, travel, and service delays.

The Towson location has provided residents and small businesses with critical in-person services, including technical support, repairs, and business solutions upon which many constituents rely. Its loss would therefore reduce access to essential services and weaken overall local economic activity. The closure of a high-traffic anchor tenant such as Apple is expected to have measurable downstream economic effects, including the loss of

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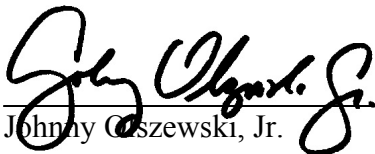
<sup>1</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/business/world-at-work/apple-shutter-its-first-unionized-us-store-maryland-2026-04-10/>


approximately 100 local jobs, reduced consumer spending in the Towson retail corridor, and diminished spillover traffic that supports surrounding small businesses. Research on retail anchors indicates that such departures can reduce adjacent business traffic.


We recognize that decisions of this scale involve complex business considerations. However, we urge Apple to reconsider whether there are viable paths forward that would preserve jobs and maintain a retail presence in the region. Maryland residents value employers who invest in their workforce and demonstrate a sustained commitment to the communities they serve. We stand ready to engage constructively with Apple to better understand this decision and to explore potential solutions.


We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and request a written response by no later than **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, as time is of the essence.


Sincerely,

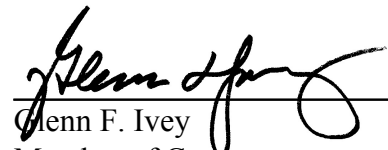
  
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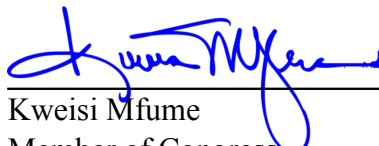
  
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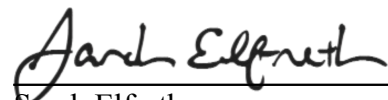
  
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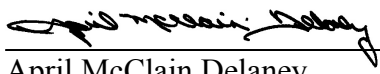
  
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April McClain Delaney  
Member of Congress