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Jobs at WRJ postal facility saved

Vermont got good news on May 17th with the announcement by the Postal Service that the White River Junction mail sorting facility will remain open. The facility, which employs over 200 Vermonters, had been slated for closure but will be spared under a new plan announced by the Postmaster General. Rep. Welch fought to keep the facility open and welcomed the announcement, saying “this is good news for the hard-working employees at White River Junction and will ensure Vermonters continue to receive reliable, timely service.”

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Welch brings Vermonters’ student loan debt stories to Congress

Rep. Welch is fighting in Congress to block a scheduled July 1 doubling of interest rates on some student loans. In late April, he launched a webpage to gather stories of Vermonters struggling with the increasing cost of college and ballooning student loan debt. As Vermonters shared their stories, Welch made their voices heard on the floor of the US House of Representatives. To share your student loan debt story, visit www.welch.house.gov/studentdebt. And on May 30th, be sure to join a telephone town hall meeting hosted by Welch to discuss student loan debt and college affordability. For details on how to join the call, [CLICK HERE](#).

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More federal disaster relief heading to Vermont

As Vermonters continue to rebuild from the damage wrought by Tropical Storm Irene, Welch, the congressional delegation and Gov. Shumlin announced that additional federal assistance is on its way. Vermont will receive at least \$30 million in additional federal funds to help pay for damage to public and private infrastructure.

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Welch praises President's support of marriage equality

Rep. Welch welcomed President Obama's historic support for marriage equality on May 9th. "I applaud the President for his decision and courage," Welch said. "One of the greatest and most liberating human emotions is acceptance. And what the President did today was accept that the quality of love two people share is more important than their gender. The President's decision required him look within and engage his heart. It is truly wonderful and welcome news."

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