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SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS- In a significant development impacting Springfield, and neighboring communities, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has announced a network consolidation plan that will have far-reaching effects. As part of this plan, 58 Processing and Distribution Centers (PDC) in smaller communities are slated to be converted to Local Mail Processing Centers (LPC).

There is a proposed decision to redirect Springfield's packages and unprocessed mail volumes to the St. Louis, Missouri PDC, located over 100 miles away. This means that Springfield's mail and packages will be processed and postmarked in another state, under a different Postal District.

The potential ramifications include the removal of Springfield's processing equipment, job losses within the community and a foreseeable increase in delays to mail delivery.

To address these concerns and ensure the voices of Springfield residents are heard, **a Public Meeting has been scheduled for March 26, 2024, at 6:00 PM**. The meeting will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn at 3100 S. Dirksen Parkway. This gathering presents an opportunity for community members to express their opinions regarding the future of Springfield's Postal Mail Service.

Citizens can also take proactive steps by reaching out to their elected representatives, attending the Local Public Meeting, and providing feedback directly to the USPS through their comment portal at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-springfield-il?fbclid=IwAR1eQ1cXCUcC1b604YDLRezUEWYQaXd7ClbqNVMpq_ZOnPwG0g1rRqG8d5I