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U.S. Postmaster General David Steiner:

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the current issues Springfield, Illinois residents are facing following the decision to shift area mail sorting from Springfield to St. Louis. On March 26, I joined hundreds of local residents, postal workers and local elected officials at a town hall on to share our grave concerns about the proposal. USPS did not listen to our community.

To put it in perspective: a letter mailed in Springfield to a resident of Springfield is sent out of state to St. Louis before being shipped back for a local mail carrier to deliver. The Postal Service claimed it will enhance efficiency and lead to financial savings, but the reality is that this is causing more harm than good.

People who mail their rent checks are getting late fee charges because of the delay. Hard working men and women are not receiving their paychecks on time. People rely on a regular income check for their work. This isn't just about money – it's about the wellbeing of local residents.

The decision has already affected hundreds of working families. It's also affecting local seniors who rely on their life saving medications to be delivered, they have been left without their prescriptions for multiple days – and so many other people. Enough is enough.

The consequences of the decision have reduced service reliability and speed, especially for rural communities. I'm asking you to listen to the Springfield community by going back to sorting in Springfield.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doris Turner".

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