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MTA-PAC Announces 2012 Michigan Special Election Endorsements

Lansing, Mich. — The Michigan Townships Association Political Action Committee (MTA-PAC) today announced legislative endorsements for the Michigan special elections on February 28, 2012. The MTA-PAC has endorsed Genesee County Commissioner Joseph Graves in the 51st House District and Oakland County Commissioner Timothy Greimel for the 29th House District.

Graves was selected by the Genesee County GOP to be the Republican candidate in the special election to replace former state Rep. Paul Scott (R-Grand Blanc), who was recalled. Graves, a former Argentine Township clerk and trustee, is a retired General Motors engineer and a small business owner.

Tim Greimel received the Democratic nomination to fill the seat vacated by former Rep. Tim Melton (D-Auburn Hills). Melton resigned to join StudentsFirst. Greimel, an attorney, is a former school board president.

MTA-PAC's endorsement is based primarily on input from township officials, the candidate's responsiveness to township issues before the Michigan Legislature, as well as other criteria. The MTA-PAC sent out questionnaires to township officials and a questionnaire to the candidates on 20 key issues of importance to MTA and townships alike.

"The MTA-PAC takes the endorsement process very seriously," said Joanne Boehler, MTA-PAC Committee chair. Boehler is treasurer of James Township (Saginaw County). "After a careful evaluation of the candidates' positions and experience, we made our endorsements. With over half of Michigan's citizens residing in townships, the Michigan Townships Association believes residents should use this as a guide when voting this year."

Formed in 1982, the MTA-PAC exists to assist in the nomination and/or election of candidates who are responsive to local government issues and concerns to the Michigan Legislature. Specifically, it is the mission of the MTA-PAC to strengthen our legislative influence by supporting electable candidates who are supportive of township government and who support the majority of issues contained in the MTA Policy Platform.

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Michigan's 1,240 townships comprise more than 96 percent of Michigan's land area and over half of the state's population. Michigan townships have a long track record of being the most efficient form of government and being closest to the people. Townships deliver government services at a lower cost to taxpayers than any other governmental unit in the state. In addition, Michigan townships continue to look for cooperative arrangements to provide more efficient services.

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