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TUA Exposes Two McHenry Tax Villains

MCHEMRY COUNTY—Taxpayers United of America today named McHenry County Board members Michele Aavang and Larry Smith “Taxpayer Enemies,” and asked their constituents to make an example of them to send a message to the rest of the tax-raising “Republican Dominated” county board.

“These two so-called Republicans supported the 4% county property tax increase recently enacted by the McHenry County Board,” said Jim Tobin, President of Taxpayers United of America (TUA). That amount was half of all property tax increases in McHenry County this past spring.”

“After the county property tax increase was rammed through, an attempt was made to abate some of the increase by killing the Valley Hi Nursing Home levy, which would have removed the tax for an enterprise agency that generally breaks even, and has about \$40 million in the bank. Even this modest tax abatement was voted down by Aavang and Smith, who opted to siphon the nursing home levy to a capital projects fund.”

“The ‘Republican Dominated’ McHenry County Board is no friend of its constituents. The removal of Michele Aavang and Larry Smith this March by voters would send a message to the rest of the board that McHenry County taxpayers have had enough.”