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Chicago – Taxpayers United of America (TUA) announces its endorsement of the McHenry County initiative to consolidate townships from 17 to 8.

"There's an exciting new trend in Illinois politics: people are pushing ideas to shrink the size and cost of government across the state," stated TUA president, Jim Tobin.

One such movement is afoot in McHenry County. Longtime proponent of township consolidation, Bob Anderson, has finally gained support from Mike Shorten, Nunda Twp. Trustee and chairman of McHenry County Citizens for Township Consolidation (MCC4TC).

"It's obvious that this would save taxpayers money, about \$40 million over the next 10 years according to MCC4TC estimates."

"This is great news for taxpayers in McHenry County and we will put our full support behind this initiative. We encourage other government bureaucracies to start thinking in terms of solutions that actually reduce tax burdens instead of automatically pushing for tax increases to fund the status quo."

"The toughest part of consolidation is fighting the small-minded government bureaucrats who stand to lose their empires...and their pensions!"

"It's long past time that more elected officials start thinking in terms of what is best for the taxpayers rather than what is best for themselves. Illinois is the poster-child for self-serving politicians whose policies harm the very taxpayers for whom they should be advocating."

For this initiative to advance, the County Board must agree to put referendums on the ballot in March of 2016. Those townships that approve the referendum would proceed to consolidate while those that don't would continue as their own government unit.

For more information on the McHenry County Citizens for Township Consolidation or to make a donation, visit www.mcc4tc.com.