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To the Residents of Genoa Township:

As a fellow municipal clerk and someone deeply involved in the training and certification of election officials across Michigan, I am writing to offer my full and unwavering endorsement of Rick Soucy to be retained as your Genoa Township Clerk in the August 4th Republican Primary.

I know exactly what the statutory duties of a township clerk demand. When this position unexpectedly opened up, Rick stepped up and hit the ground running. He didn't just fill a vacancy; he invested hundreds of hours into learning the complex, law-based practices required for the job and brought immediate stability to the office. He has been incredibly active in professional education and training, showing an ambition and dedication to the work that, frankly, has not always been the case for that seat in the past.

Under his leadership, Rick has successfully administered recent elections and staffed his office with top-notch, certified professionals. The clerk's office is running smoothly because he does the actual work required of the position.

Unfortunately, this primary race has turned unnecessarily nasty. We are living in a time when the role of the municipal clerk is under attack across the state. Now more than ever, we need people with absolute integrity in this seat, and Clerk Soucy has it.

It is highly unusual and deeply disappointing to see the county Republican Party break tradition to intervene in a primary against an incumbent Republican—especially considering Rick is a dedicated, conservative member of the county party. When political organizations play games in a local primary, it

raises serious questions about their motives. The administration of your elections and township records should be about public service and competence, not political patronage.

Losing Rick would be a tremendous loss to the residents of Genoa Township. I highly encourage voters to look past the political noise, recognize the exceptional job he is doing, and vote to retain Clerk Rick Soucy.

Sincerely,

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Director and Chair of Education, Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks

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