

October 1, 2010

Paul Gielegem
38134 Sarnette
Clinton Township, MI 48036

Dear Paul:


I am writing to endorse your candidacy for Michigan State Senate. As you know, I rarely make endorsements; however, recent events compel me to speak out. I am under no illusions about the value of my endorsement: I have no PAC, I'm not wealthy, and I don't have an army of volunteers. But I know a good leader when I see one. You are welcome to use my name and I would be honored if my endorsement helps you in any way.

I endorse you because you have a proven track record. You are a young, energetic, visionary leader, who our state needs in tough times like these. As clerk of the Board of Commissioners, I have personally observed your chairman record as an independent reformer:

- **Jobs** – you lead efforts to bring business to Macomb County and use tax dollars to incentivize job creation.
- **Education** – you helped successfully bring the M.S.U. College of Osteopathy to Macomb County, and are fighting for a four-year university.
- **Reform** – you reformed county government, created a county executive, cut the number of commissioners in half, saved the county research center, reduced the size of county government, and balanced the budget.
- **Seniors** - you helped save Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility, the Macomb County Veterans Services Dept., the Senior Citizens Services Dept. and you've been a strong supporter of Meals on Wheels.

It is without reservation that I endorse you for Michigan State Senate. I know you will lead the effort to reform state government, cut wasteful spending and focus efforts on creating jobs. To the extent my endorsement matters at all, you have it.

Sincerely,


Carmella Sabaugh
Macomb County Clerk / Register of Deeds