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## **DOUG HOWGATE SELECTED AS NEXT HEAD OF MASSACHUSETTS TAXPAYERS FOUNDATION**

*Leader with diverse experience at the State House and policy organization offers a strong vision for expanding MTF's fiscal analysis into areas vital to Commonwealth's continued success*

**Boston, MA** – The Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation (MTF) Board of Trustees today elected Doug Howgate as the organization's next President.

Currently serving as MTF's Executive Vice President, working collaboratively with current President Eileen McAnney, Howgate has a track record of senior leadership in a variety of organizations focused on fiscal and public policy, and economic competitiveness. Howgate was selected after a comprehensive search led by a committee of the board in partnership with global executive search firm, WittKieffer.

"At a time when Massachusetts is undergoing a generational leadership change in its business, not-for-profit, and government sectors, and is more focused than ever on creating an equitable foundation for economic opportunity, it was imperative that we identify a next leader that had both the vision and skill set to further expand the scope and impact of MTF's work," said Stephen Mosh, Chair of the Board of Trustees. "In a field of outstanding candidates, Doug's keen understanding of both the policymaking process and employer needs, focus on rigorous analysis and recognition of the broad array of policies that impact the Commonwealth's fiscal health stood out. We couldn't be more pleased that he will succeed Eileen in this role."

During the past two years, Howgate has expanded MTF's analysis of budget, healthcare, economic development and workforce policy; made the organization a go-to resource on COVID recovery funds and how to use these dollars to effectively foster an equitable recovery; added new resources to support MTF's work in early childhood education; and fostered new relationships with non-member business and civic organizations. Howgate had previously served as MTF's Director of Research and Policy, where he directed analysis of the state budget process and led MTF research in a number of policy areas including Medicaid, education, criminal justice and municipal finance.

“Doug has been a true partner to me during a complex and challenging time in the Commonwealth’s history. His capacity to see the big picture, understanding of the nuance of both policy and how the legislature and administration work, and his collaborative approach make him well suited to this important role,” said McAnneny. “I am confident that he will continue to use the research and platform offered by MTF to influence a wide array of budgetary and public policy decisions to the benefit of the businesses and residents of Massachusetts.”

In addition to his roles at MTF, Howgate has served as Budget Director for the Senate Ways & Means Committee, Senior Policy Director to Senate President Karen Spilka, and Deputy Chief of Staff to the Massachusetts Port Authority. He was also a senior policy analyst for the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center.

“For nearly 20 years, Massachusetts fiscal policy has been at the center of almost every role in my career. There is no better organization to combine my passion for the topic with an intentional approach to assuring that fiscal policy is a sound and expansive foundation for sustainable economic growth and equitable opportunity for residents and businesses,” said Howgate. “Thanks to the leadership of Eileen and our board, as well as an outstanding team, there is a great deal for me to build on coming into this role. I want to continue expanding our work into areas – like our recent work in childcare, mental health, and equity – that may be new to MTF, but critical to our mission. I thank the board for their vote of confidence and look forward to building upon my existing relationships with the elected, business and civic leadership of the Commonwealth.

Howgate will officially become president on January 1, 2023; prior to that time, he will join McAnneny in assuring a smooth transition, celebrating MTF’s 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and planning for a new legislative cycle and transition in gubernatorial leadership.

“MTF has a well-earned reputation for its detailed analysis, clear policy recommendations, and evolving view of the multiple policy areas that impact economic opportunity and success for our Commonwealth. Based on my experience with Doug in a multitude of roles over the past several years, he has clear-eyed perspective on how public policy decisions on Beacon Hill impact Massachusetts businesses and the region’s economy,” said JD Chesloff, President and CEO of the MA Business Roundtable. “I am confident that he will continue further build relationships with civic organizations, community leaders and businesses of all sizes, as well as MTF’s standard of excellence.”

Howgate is a graduate of Holy Cross, with a Master’s degree in public policy from Georgetown University. He lives in Somerville.

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**ABOUT THE MASSACHUSETTS TAXPAYERS FOUNDATION**

Founded in 1932, the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation (MTF) is widely recognized as the state's premier public policy organization dealing with state and local fiscal, tax, and economic policies. MTF's mission is to provide accurate, unbiased research with balanced, thoughtful recommendations that strengthen the state's finances and economy in order to foster the long-term well-being of the Commonwealth. In the past ten years, MTF has won 16 prestigious national awards from the Governmental Research Association for our work on a wide array of topics including health care, business costs, transportation funding, tax competitiveness, capital investments, and state and local finances.