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#### Scott Kegarise to Challenge State Representative Michelle Mussman

**Schaumburg, IL:** Today, long-time Schaumburg Township elected official Scott Kegarise filed candidacy papers with the Illinois State Board of Elections challenging incumbent Democrat state representative Michelle Mussman in the 56th District. Kegarise, a Republican, is a late entrant to the 2020 race, recruited and slated by local Republican officials after no Republican candidate filed in the March 17 primary election. Kegarise will face Mussman in the November 3 general election.

As a candidate slated after the primary election, Kegarise could secure a place on the ballot, under Illinois election law, only by collecting at least 500 nominating petition signatures from district voters during a one-month period, which unfortunately fell during the height of the COVID-19 global pandemic and Governor Pritzker's "stay-at-home" order. A candidate who files prior to the primary election, such as Mussman, has 12 weeks to collect those signatures.

Extraordinarily, Kegarise collected 1,350 petition signatures in 3 weeks—at the height of the pandemic—which is more than the 1,316 collected by Mussman in three months last fall prior to the pandemic.

Joe Folisi, Republican Committeeman for Schaumburg Township, said, "The community is energized, and enthusiasm for Scott Kegarise's campaign is at fever pitch. Kegarise and our network of volunteers collected more signatures, in a shorter period of time, than Mussman and her paid workers. We hope that Mike Madigan, Michelle Mussman, and the rest of the Chicago Democratic establishment take notice of this terrific grassroots accomplishment as a 'wake-up call' that suburban residents aren't going to tolerate their corruption and mismanagement any longer."

Kegarise said, "I am truly humbled by the tremendous grassroots support that our campaign has received in such a short period of time." "I believe our community is finally losing its patience with the Mussman/Madigan machine, and I intend to bring our message of job creation, property tax relief, and term limits to Springfield."

Scott Kegarise is a 40-year resident of Schaumburg and a small business owner with a long record of public service. He presently serves as the Highway Commissioner for Schaumburg Township and has previously served as Township Trustee, President of the Schaumburg Athletic Association, and President of the Schaumburg Jaycees. He is also a Vietnam Veteran. Scott and his wife Char have three sons, who attended D54 and D211 schools, and enjoy more than anything spending time with their 7-year-old grandson.