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## MICHIGAN FAIR TAX ASSOCIATION SELECTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Michigan Fair Tax Association (MFTA) today announced that Dawn Dayton has been selected as MFTA's first ever executive director. Previously, MFTA was staffed solely by volunteers from its 30,000 members. Dawn comes to MFTA with extensive experience managing and growing non-profit organizations, such as the American Society of Employers, the Michigan Small Business Development Centers, and the Arthritis Foundation.

"Dawn was chosen from a highly competitive pool of applicants," said MFTA's President, Roger Buchholtz. "She brings a unique combination of experience, skills, and passion to this new position. She is exactly the type of person we sought to lead our organization." MFTA is working with legislators, citizens and businesses to put the Michigan FairTax (MFT) proposal on the Ballot in November 2010 to make Michigan the #1 place to locate new business. "Michigan was once a leading economic state but is now at the bottom of the list. We are losing companies, jobs, and people largely due to our tax structure", said Buchholtz.

Dawn has worked in public, government and community affairs since 1992 in foundations, trade associations, higher education, and community-based non-profit organizations in and around Detroit. She graduated from Michigan State University and later completed a Fellowship with the Michigan Political Leadership Program at Michigan State.

"I'm delighted to know MFTA will be in such good hands as it continues to grow under Dawn's leadership. I think MFTA's supporters around the State are going to be impressed by what's ahead", said Buchholtz.

Dawn said she was drawn to MFTA's mission: "The current tax system is not working *for* Michigan. It's complicated, unfairly burdens lower and middle income families and is driving businesses and jobs out of Michigan. I look forward to the transparency and fairness in our tax system that MFTA's forward-thinking volunteers have already set forth," she said.

### *About the Michigan FairTax Proposal*

The Michigan FairTax Proposal completely replaces the Michigan Income Tax and most business taxes with a simple 9.75% retail sales tax. As a result, people would be taxed only once on a purchase, as no longer would taxes be hidden in prices. For the first time in generations citizens would be able to see their true tax burden as it would appear on every sales receipt. All purchases made by Michigan citizens would be made with pre-tax dollars because there would be no Michigan income tax withholding. The sales tax would go up 3.75 cents, but residents would keep the 4.35 cents per dollar that is currently withheld for income tax. To protect the poor and middle income households, every legal Michigan household will receive a "prebate" payment that untaxes spending up to the poverty level. Due to the prebate, and other uses of income that are not taxed, the typical effective tax rate will be 2.5% but it varies from 0% at low spending levels to 9%+ at high spending levels. The MI FairTax is:

**Simple** — when you buy something you are paying your taxes; no tax filings

**Fair** — similar sized households receive the same prebate and everyone pays at the same tax rate; no loopholes

**Visible** — our taxes will be shown on every sales receipt rather than hidden in the prices we pay

**Economically Expansive** — Michigan will have the most favorable tax environment for business and residents

For more about the MI FairTax proposal visit [www.mifairtax.org](http://www.mifairtax.org)

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