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### Statement from Connie Beard, Chair of McLean County Republicans

There is great deal of disappointment for Republicans coming out of yesterday's election. It makes no sense in sugarcoating the results. In McLean County, our County Board stays evenly split while our county-wide offices remain in the hands of Republicans. We still have good Republicans representing us in Springfield with Sally Turner, Jason Barickman, Dan Caulkins, Dennis Tipsword, Tom Bennet, and Bill Hauter. Democrats now hold the newer very Democrat 91<sup>st</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> districts. Desi Anderson and Scott Preston fought hard to win, and we should all be grateful that people are willing to step into the fray on our behalf. We still have Congressman Darin LaHood representing a good portion of our county. Appreciation for the challenging campaigns that Esther Joy King, Kathy Salvi and Dan Brady ran. Their loss was felt by all supporters.

Congratulations to John McIntyre, Chuck Erickson, Catherine Metsker, George Wendt, Lyndsay Bloomfield, Bill Friedrich, Susan Schafer, and Jim Soeldner for their reelection to the County Board. Congratulations to Adam Reeves and Geoff Tompkins for their hard work in winning their first election. These ten people will serve McLean County well. Sincere thanks to Ross Webb, Steve Harsh, Jerry Klinkner, Gary Stevens, Vicki Schultz, Hannah Blumenshine, Annette Fellows, Eduardo Monk Jr., and Don Crop who put themselves into the fray. While falling short of the needed votes to win the election, they did win the admiration and appreciation of those who worked alongside them. We are grateful for the victories of Kathy Michael as County Clerk, Rebecca McNeil as County Treasurer, and Matt Lane as County Sheriff.

There is great disappointment over losing the governor's race, but how Darren Bailey and Stephanie Trussell conducted their campaign should make all Republicans proud.

Finally, great appreciation is felt for the volunteers across our county who worked so hard to make a difference. Illinois is a huge Democratic ship that we know will take more than one election cycle to change its course. There are lessons to be learned from this cycle which will play out in the months ahead. We must continue striving for the sake of our children and grandchildren. Our faith and trust need to be stronger than ever for the time ahead.