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## **Doug Howgate joins MTF as Executive Vice President**

**BOSTON, January 22, 2021** – The Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation (MTF) today announced that Doug Howgate will be joining the organization on Monday as Executive Vice President. Since the fall of 2018, Howgate served as Senior Policy Advisor to Senate President Karen E. Spilka with a portfolio that included fiscal, education and health care policy. Mr. Howgate previously worked at MTF from 2015-2018 as director of research and policy.

As Executive Vice President, Howgate will shape MTF's policy agenda and will work with President Eileen McAnneny to support members, engage with policymakers, and advance MTF's research mission.

"We are thrilled that Doug is returning to MTF as Executive Vice President," said MTF President Eileen McAnneny. "In this new role, Doug will provide MTF members and the public with the high-caliber analyses on pressing public policy issues that they have come to expect from Doug, but he will also work on strategic initiatives to ensure that MTF continues to be the preeminent non-partisan, research resource in the Commonwealth for decades to come."

"Doug Howgate is a singular talent in the realm of Massachusetts budget policy, and the Commonwealth will greatly benefit from his expertise in this new role," stated Senate President Karen E. Spilka. "While I am sad to see him go, I am proud of the work he has done as part of my team, especially in helping to see the Student Opportunity Act come to fruition, and I'm excited to know that he will continue to contribute to the public policy discourse at the state level."

In addition to his time in the Senate President's Office, Howgate has significant experience in public policy positions in Massachusetts. He served as MTF's Research Director between 2015 and 2018 and had a five year stint as the Budget Director at the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Howgate has also worked as Deputy Chief of Staff at the Massachusetts Port Authority and as a Senior Researcher at the Massachusetts Budget & Policy Center.

Howgate holds a B.A. in Political Science from Holy Cross and a Master's degree in Public Policy from Georgetown's McCourt School of Public Policy.