



**County Treasurers Association of Ohio
House Ways and Means Committee
Written Proponent Testimony
HB 273**

Chair Merrin, Vice Chair LaRe, Ranking Member Rogers and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee, thank you for the opportunity to share the County Treasurers Association of Ohio (CTAO)'s support for House Bill 273, legislation that would allow the second publication of a delinquent tax list to occur on an approved county website.

As public servants, CTAO members aim to be frugal stewards of taxpayer dollars. To that end, we support initiatives that save our constituents money. Providing an online option for tax list publication would reduce county costs significantly by allowing counties to avoid the ever-escalating price of newspaper space. In addition, many of our members in smaller counties have limited print outlets available to them for publication, or, if they do, these outlets are only circulated weekly. HB 273 would grant county auditors in those smaller communities the option of posting their delinquency lists quicker and more efficiently through a county website.

County treasurers work hand-in-hand with their auditors on delinquencies and related tax issues, so it is in the CTAO's best interest that county auditors are able to do their jobs as efficiently and effectively as possible. Thus, the CTAO supports the flexibility and cost-saving potential that HB 273 offers counties, and recommends that committee members support the bill.

On behalf of the County Treasurers Association of Ohio, thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony. Should you or any members of the committee have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either one of us.

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