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**Local Government and Elections Committee
Senator Steve Wilson
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Senate Bill 15**

Good morning Chairman Gavarone, Vice Chair O'Brien, Ranking Member Maharath and members of the Local Government and Elections Committee. Thank you for allowing me to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 15, which would establish liability protections for our county, municipal treasurers or township fiscal officers.

Under current law a treasurer can be held liable for loss of public funds even when they have performed all official duties required of the treasurer with reasonable care. In these instances the treasurer is at no fault and should be protected by the law.

Under the proposed legislation, county treasurers, township fiscal officers, municipal treasurers, college treasurers and library fiscal officers would not be held liable for loss of public funds when they have performed all their official duties with reasonable care. They would only be held liable when the loss of public funds is from negligence or a wrongful act.

Treasurers and Fiscal Officers are providing an essential public service to our communities; they deserve these liability protections to protect them while they protect our public funds. I urge support of this important legislation.