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Chairman Blessing, Vice Chair Roegner, Ranking Member Williams and members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 257.

Senate Bill 257 will authorize a refundable income tax credit of up to five thousand dollars for donations of cash, property, or services to townships.

Many townships do not have the necessary funds or materials to provide services such as snow removal or repair potholes. Residents are eager and willing to assist their township with donations to improve their community. Senate Bill 257 establishes a route for individuals to contribute to their communities.

In Senate Bill 257, a township may establish its own donation approval process, but shall require that the individual present a plan for the donation and that the donation receives the approval of a majority of the board of township trustees.

If individuals want to offer their services to their community, they should have the chance to do so- given permission.

It is important to note that Senate Bill 259 modifies the definition of “employee” to include that an individual donating their services is not considered an employee of the township and that the township is not liable for the individuals actions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony for Senate Bill 259.