

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

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Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 335

Specific Issue: Refunding collected revenue and reducing future revenue already committed.

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House Ways and Means House Bill 335

**London City School District, Madison County
Kristine Blind, Treasurer/CFO**

October 15, 2025

Chair Roemer, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today on House Bill 335. My name is Kristine Blind, and I serve as the Treasurer/CFO of the London City School District in Madison County.

I will start off by saying I completely agree that property values, and therefore property taxes, have become a significant concern. We do need to find a solution to provide relief to those that need it. However, the solution needs to be one that will not undermine the financial stability of public schools and local governments.

HB 335 limits local revenue growth from inside millage. For many, this growth is their only source of increased revenue. Communities depend on the services funded by this millage. Additionally, for public schools not on the 20-mill floor, this is the only growth in revenue they receive as well. This additional revenue helps keep pace with rising costs, as the Fair School Funding Plan was not updated to account for inflation and froze costs at FY22 levels. This puts more burden on local communities.

I respectfully urge the committee to consider the harm this bill will do and seek property tax relief through other means. Please protect the ability of districts to focus their resources on educating our children and allowing communities to provide for their citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.