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February 8, 2022

The Honorable Scott Wiggam, Chair
State and Local Government Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: SB 15 Fiscal Officer Liability

Dear Chair Wiggam:

On behalf of the Ohio Township Association (OTA), I am writing to express our support for Senate Bill 15, which protects township fiscal officers from liability when they have performed their duties with reasonable care.

As stewards of taxpayer dollars, fiscal officers should be responsible for the funds they oversee. Should a fiscal officer be negligent or commit a wrongful act, they would still be liable for loss of public funds resulting from their negligent or wrongful act. However, there may be circumstances beyond control where a fiscal officer may have fulfilled their duties and a loss still occurred and, in these circumstances, they should not be held personally liable.

This bill affects township fiscal officers and deputy fiscal officers, as well as county treasurers, municipal treasurers, community college districts, technical college districts, state community college districts, and library fiscal officers and deputy fiscal officers. The bill is a reintroduction of SB 321 from last General Assembly, which the OTA supported.

The OTA continues to support Senate Bill 15 and encourages your favorable vote. Thank you for your consideration of our position. Should you have any questions or concerns about our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at 614-863-0045.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marisa Myers".

Marisa Myers
Director of Governmental Affairs