



**WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND  
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**PROPONENT TESTIMONY  
SB 15**

**February 23, 2021**

Chair Gavarone, Vice Chair O'Brien, Ranking Member Maharath, and members of the Senate Local Government and Elections Committee, thank you for the opportunity to write in support of SB 15, which would create liability protections municipal treasurers and other local fiscal officers.

SB 15 would ensure that a fiscal officer that performed their official duties with reasonable care would not be held responsible for the loss of public funds. Municipal treasurers and other local fiscal officers cannot enjoy this liability protection today. This legislation would protect treasurers from being held liable when they are not at fault.

Local fiscal officers should only be held responsible for the loss of public funds when the loss results from negligence or wrongdoing. We appreciate that Sen. Wilson has recognized the need for this liability protection for local fiscal officers, and we urge your support of this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
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