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Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Senate Bill 321

Good morning Chairman Manning, Vice Chair Brenner, Ranking Member Maharath and members of the Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee. Thank you for allowing me to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 321, 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 officer and municipal treasurers would not be held liable for loss of public funds when they have performed all their official duties with reasonable care, only being held liable when the loss of public funds is from negligence or a wrongful act.

Our municipal treasurers and township 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.