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Rob McColley, Chair

Dear Mr. McColley:

I am writing in response to an email I received today from Katie Johnson at OASBO regarding the elimination of Treasurer and Business Manager Licenses – Amendment to H.B. 442.

This is an egregious and unscrupulous proposal. I will explain why I feel that way.

Having been a LICENSED School Treasurer in the State of Ohio and a sitting Treasurer/CFO for almost 4 years now, I before this, worked in the corporate business world. I made the decision to become a School Treasurer, and then enrolled and completed the 2 required Masters Level courses: School Law and School Finance. I then, due to my role of being a CFO at a privately owned daycare chain, met the global fiscal officer requirements and applied that towards my license requirements. I then applied for my licensure, paid the fees, did the background check (BCI/FBI) and was awarded my license.

Upon taking my first job as a school Treasurer, I learned within the first 2 weeks that this was apples and oranges compared to business finance and accounting! School Finance is extremely complex and requires the schooling, training or internship/mentorship and guidance of fellow properly licensed School Treasurers. I, through OASBO, signed up for the mentorship program and luckily was paired with a local veteran School Treasurer who took me under his wing. I learned from the ground up, having started in a small district, I at the time was doing all of payroll, accounts payable, receipting, and the Treasurer! That in most districts is 3 separate jobs, yet I did all 3 of those jobs for a few months, all while being a brand new Treasurer!

With the mounting responsibilities in this job, I cannot fathom the idea of stripping the requirements of being properly licensed. We expect our Teachers, Aides, and Superintendent's to be PROPERLY LICENSED, how can we **not** expect that of THE CFO OF THE DISTRICT? That is FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE and the Tax Payers and Stakeholders deserve better! I think back to many accountants that I worked with in past jobs, and the bulk of them would **never** handle a multi-tasking, diverse career of that of a SCHOOL TREASURER!

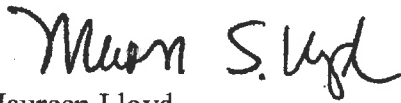
Please take a look at the 64 page document on ODE's website, under Administration, Treasurer, "Ohio Standards for School Treasurers and Business Manager (2010)". These standards were developed by a board of highly qualified Superintendents, Treasurers, Teachers, and other stakeholders. It maps out the complexities of this job and sets forth the expectations and high ethical standards required of this job!

I URGE you to please fight for what is right, all School Treasurers need to be PROPERLY LICENSED!

Please call me or email me if you need help or speakers on this topic – I FEEL VERY COMPELLED TO FIGHT TO KEEP SCOOOL TREASURERS/CFO'S LICENSED!!

You can call my cell phone at (330) 509-9830 or email me at Maureen.lloyd@liberty.k12.oh.us

Sincerely Yours,



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