

Written Testimony for the
SENATE FINANCE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE
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RE: HB 1572

Good morning, Chairman Weber and members of the Senate Finance and Taxation Committee. My name is Dawn Grannis and I serve as the Mercer County Treasurer. I would support studying changes to the tax statement in the interim. If drastic changes to the tax statements are desired, it is critical to clearly understand the legislature's desire on what should be included on this statement and balance the ability of counties to meet those desires and associated costs.

This bill requires the tax statement sent in December to be in color and adds a pie chart to the statement. I believe the statement already has the information needed to tell the tax payers where their taxes are going. Amounts going to the state, county, cities, townships, parks, ambulance districts, schools, roads, and fire districts are all distinctly listed on the statement already. I believe that adding more information to the statement will only make it harder to read. We are limited in space on the statement as mandated and to add more to the statement may require a larger statement or two pages which will cost more to print and mail. Also, the color copy aspect of this requirement will boost our cost per copy from .745 cents to 6.65 cents. In a situation where there are caps being discussed for budget increases, I believe this to be an unnecessary expense to the counties.

For the reasons stated above, I urge this be looked at further in a study to see the impact on budgets of the increased costs.