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Monday, May 11, 2015

Re: HB 4168 Support

Dear Senator Zorn,

**Please register my support for HB 4168 regarding the elimination of a printed paper copy of the tax roll** to the Senate Committee on Local Government. I am the Treasurer of Meridian Township and I asked Representative Singh to write this legislation when I discovered the governmental waste of paper the law requires each year. The law requires Meridian Township to print out a paper copy of the original pre-collection tax roll, all parcel splits and combinations, corrections and adjustments which amounts to over 4000 pages of paper in Meridian Township. This complete box of paper is then required to be stored for a specific period of time.

Often as elected officials we hear complaints about government waste, seldom is the complaint real or simple to fix. In this case, we have a non-controversial, common sense fix to a problem identified with the computerized tax roll legislation.

In Meridian Township, we have roughly 15,000 parcels. There are over about 10,000,000 parcels in the State. **This amounts to over 2,500,000 pages of paper wasted each year as a result of the current, flawed law.** Approximately 90+% of municipalities and counties in the state are using BS&A software to track their tax collection. This Michigan Company does a terrific job tracking our payments and we, like most communities rely on our software to easily answer our citizen's questions. We provide a computer for residents to look at the tax roll, and answer any questions they have easily.

Please update this legislation with this common sense fix.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

*Julie Brixie*

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Treasurer, Meridian Township

