



# WHAT DOES THE STATE TREASURER DO FOR YOU?

The Treasurer serves as the state's chief financial officer by ensuring sound financial management, overseeing investments, and fostering economic security for Wisconsin's taxpayers.

## IMPACT

### GOALS

**FOSTER  
TRANSPARENCY AND  
ACCOUNTABILITY**

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**WORK TO ADDRESS  
THE RETIREMENT GAP  
AND COLLEGE  
AFFORDABILITY**

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**LEAD WITH WIN-WIN  
INVESTMENT  
STRATEGIES TO  
SUPPORT WISCONSIN  
COMMUNITIES**

#### \* **Chair and Chief Investor of School Trusts**

**\$1 billion invested in Wisconsin since 2000**

- \$507.9 to school districts across the state
- \$372.6 million to refinance pension liabilities

**\$580 million distributed to public school libraries since 2000**

**\$384.2 million invested in state & municipal bonds since 2010**

#### \* **Reunite taxpayers with their money**

Promote and improve our unclaimed property program to deliver more money back to Wisconsinites

#### \* **Sign millions of checks each year**

Serve as a check and balance to prevent financial mismanagement

#### \* **Support your local treasurers**

Partner with local treasurers to ensure strong financial management

Sarah Godlewski, Wisconsin State Treasurer

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# OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER

Treasurer Sarah Godlewski

## Sample Advocacy Letter

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Dear {Senator/Representative},

As your constituent, I'm writing to urge you to support and provide resources for our State Treasurer's office.

Wisconsin is falling further behind when it comes to public finance and through our Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, we have an opportunity to lead with creative solutions. Our State Treasurer serves as Chair of this board which oversees a \$1.2 billion trust fund. **Each year that fund's returns are the sole source of money to 92% of our state's public school libraries.** We need a Treasurer's office that is resourced appropriately to continue to manage that fund and ensure the best returns for our schools.

Last year, Wisconsinites voted overwhelmingly (62%-38%) to keep this important constitutional office that dates back to the founding of our state. **We need a fiscal watchdog who will bring transparency and ensure our hard-earned tax dollars are spent wisely.** We want to avoid the situations uncovered late last year in which the state had knowingly double-paid a contractor over \$400,000 and wasted over \$600,000 in Medicaid payments distributed for folks that had already passed away. It is time to end this era of neglect and start a new chapter for the State Treasurer by voting in support of their biennial budget request.

**It is time for the Legislature to restore funding to this office.** Wisconsin voted to ensure our state has a chief financial officer. Now, I am asking you to support the Treasurer's budget request so the office can fulfill its statutory requirements and the will of the people.

Respectfully,  
Your Name

Your Street Address  
City, State, Zip Code