



WHAT DOES THE STATE TREASURER DO FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT?

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**

**SUSTAINABLE LAND
MANAGEMENT AND
ENVIRONMENTALLY
CONSCIOUS INVESTING**

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

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

\$1 billion invested in Wisconsin since 2000

- \$102 million for clean water
- \$45 million for energy efficiency updates

78,000 acres of sustainably managed lands

Treasurer Godlewski overturned climate change gag order & lifted ban on investments in renewable energy

* **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

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 creative land management. State Treasurers around the country are providing common sense solutions to economic challenges and preserving and leveraging their state's resources creatively. The 78,000 acres overseen by the Treasurer's office have been preserved for decades and provide an important revenue stream back to our public schools. Our state has the opportunity to use these lands creatively and sustainably. **From renewable energy producing to outdoor recreation, the Treasurer serves an important role in creating greater revenue for our state.**

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. 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

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