



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**

**WORK TO ADDRESS
THE \$24 BILLION
STUDENT LOAN DEBT
CRISIS IN WISCONSIN**

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

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

\$1 billion invested in Wisconsin since 2000

- \$218.5 million for economic development
- \$582.5 million for infrastructure

\$580 million to Wisconsin's public schools 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

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. State Treasurers around the country are providing common sense solutions to economic challenges such as providing a refinancing option for high-interest student loan debt. **Wisconsinites carry more than \$24 billion in student loan debt. Borrowers should have an opportunity to refinance this debt just as they would a mortgage.** The Treasurer will be serving on a task force to create a refinancing option for Wisconsinites. That task force and her office must be funded to ensure our state can start leading on this issue.

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 and support a task force to address student loan refinancing in our state. 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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