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State Senator Charles McIlhinney
22 South Main Street
Suite 220
Doylestown, PA 18901

Dear Senator McIlhinney,

SB 1099 has been presented to the local government committee for consideration. The Bucks County Association of Township Officials **opposes SB 1099 that would allow for the position of the Tax Collector to be removed from being placed on the ballot to eliminate the red tape for counties or municipalities that choose to have the County Treasurer collect property taxes.** Local Tax Collectors are often the primary and only contact that taxpayers have with the local taxation system. BCATO has a severe concern about this proposed legislation that will allow local officials to de-activate elected/functioning tax collectors thereby reducing the level of service provided to residents and neighbors. The proposed legislation will cause a loss of income and livelihood to those currently serving as local tax collectors. Additionally, Sections 4.2 and 4.4 of the Local Tax Collection Law provide solutions for those local officials seeking to fill a vacancy for the elected tax collector.

We ask that you join us in opposing SB1099 when it is brought before the Senate. **A vote for this amendment is a vote to reduce the level of service provided to our constituents.** If you would like to discuss SB 1099 further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We appreciate the opportunity to express and share our concerns with you.

Sincerely,

Joseph McFadden

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BCATO President