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To: Planning & Development Committee

From: Rep. Michelle Cook

RE: Testimony Support of HB 5314 The Act Concerning the Jeopardized Collection Of Taxes.

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Dear. Sen. Cassano, Rep. Gentile, Co-Chairs and members of the Planning & Development Committee.

This written testimony is in support of HB 5314 the Act concerning the Jeopardy collection of taxes. This bill simply strengthens language that is already in statute. As of now, if a tax collector "believes" a taxpayer will not be able to pay the taxes next year, they have the ability to collect now. This can be a devastating action taken on our small businesses given this fiscal climate.

The language simply requires the tax collector to provide written notice to the chief elected official the taxpayer. This notice shall also contain a detailed explanation supporting the tax collectors reason of exercising jeopardy.

I again encourage you all to support this bill. In the future it will help protect those small businesses that have been treated unfair in the past.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michelle Cook  
State Representative  
65<sup>th</sup> District.