

## Testimony

SB 676, Senator Lucido, introduced 12-5-2019, regarding tax foreclosure proceeds

SB 891, Senator Runestad, introduced 4-28-2020, regarding retroactive forfeiture interest

## Senate Committee on Finance

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The Michigan Association of County Treasurers has not yet taken a position on SB 676 or SB 891. Treasurers are in the midst of reviewing the decision issued last Friday afternoon by the Michigan Supreme Court in the *Rafaeli* case– all 92 pages of it – with each other and legal counsel. The decision affects the rights persons formerly holding an interest in tax-foreclosed properties to proceeds remaining after any sale of the properties. The decisions may affect the ability of counties to perform tax foreclosure functions for the state.

We appreciate our good working relationship with the Senators, and we thank you for inviting us to provide testimony today. County Treasurers will continue to do what we have done on the state's behalf for 20 years now –prevent foreclosure, educate owners and tenants, and adhere to the law fairly and consistently.

I understand your legislation predates the Supreme Court decision, but we want to fully understand the impact that the Court's decision may have on these bills and any future legislation that might be enacted to conform with the Court's Order.

Catherine McClary

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