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Ms. Jennie Huber
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Dear Ms. Huber:

Thank you for your letter and nice note. I appreciate hearing from you. I am aware of proposals like the one you sent from Governing magazine and enjoyed the article.

On the matter of our favorite topic, please keep in mind that it's nothing personal, but I remain determined to continue to pursue legislation to correct the horrific penalty that the state government requires be charged on late payment of property tax installments. Regrettably, hardly a month goes by that I don't encounter another constituent who has been gouged by this law. They are right to be enraged and horrified that their government treats them this way. I share their anger at the way they've been treated.

I remain extremely frustrated at the inability of **most** county treasurers to understand the depth of this problem, and continue to be shocked by the attitude that most county treasurers express that this money plugged into their office revenues cannot be threatened by rectifying this disgraceful penalty. In spite of that, I find some solace in the encouragement I get from a few enlightened treasurers such as John Schlice (City of Stevens Point) and Ed Brey (Manitowoc County) who understand how unfair all of this is, and especially, how treating taxpayers unfairly can never be in government's best interest, no matter what the short term budget implications may be.

Thank you again for your letter. I am always available to discuss this further with you or any other interested treasurer at your convenience. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of assistance to you.

Have a great and prosperous summer.

Sincerely,

Bob Ziegelbauer
State Representative
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