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Boscola: Taxpayers Should Not Pay the Price for Harrisburg's Dysfunction

'We are 100 days late on our budget and that is an embarrassment.'

By Senator Lisa Boscola

Yesterday, I voted in favor of Senate Bill 1040, legislation to waive interest payments on loans offered by the Pennsylvania Treasury to counties and nonprofit organizations under a new program designed to help fill funding gaps caused by the ongoing state budget impasse.

My vote was rooted in protecting taxpayers and preventing layoffs or service cuts by local governments and critical community organizations that rely on timely state funding.

It's disgraceful that we have to have this discussion today. We are 100 days late on our budget and that is an embar-



rassment. Organizations, local governments and schools rely on a timely passed budget to keep their operations running. They should not be punished with interest payments because the General Assembly failed to do its job.

The Treasury's proposed loan program would provide temporary financing to entities impacted by the budget stalemate. Under the proposed program, applicants would be required to pay market rate interest on those loans, an added cost for local taxpayers and local governments. Questions remain over whether the Treasurer has the authority to issue such loans.

My vote yesterday was not about giving the authority to Treasurer to make these loans. Rather, my vote was to make sure these loans would be interest-free if they were provided. I do not believe our non-profits, county governments, and taxpayers should have to bear additional costs through interest on a Treasury loan. The alternative is private loans with higher rates, furloughing staff, or cutting essential services. In any case, taxpayers will pay the price.

Pennsylvanians deserve better than the dysfunction that brought us here. The General Assembly needs to roll up its sleeves and finish the job we were elected to do...pass a budget now, not later.

Senate Bill 1040 passed the Senate today and now heads to the House of Representatives for consideration.



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