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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill SB 563 Tax Sales – Property Maintenance and Nuisance Code Violation Judgements and Foreclosure Proceedings

Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, & Members of the Budget & Taxation Committee,

Thank you for your time this afternoon. SB 563 was submitted in an effort to provide municipalities in Allegany and Washington Counties with an additional way to address and eradicate blight in their communities. This legislation is targeted at properties that are in severe disrepair, dangerous, and pose potential health risks due to the unlivable conditions. We want to make it known that this legislation would not penalize law-abiding property owners that maintain their parcels; rather, this bill would help keep accountable the owners that have either abandoned their properties and/or clearly have no interest in keeping the parcel in a livable condition. By allowing liens on properties that have unpaid abatement invoices and allowing those properties to be sold at tax sale, municipalities will have the opportunity to take action and help remediate these issues of blight.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask for a favorable report on SB 563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul D. Corderman".

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