

## **HB 0280 Repair & Rehabilitation Funds – Condominium and Homeowners Association**

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**Good afternoon, Chair Marc Korman, Vice Chair Regina Boyce and members of the Environment & Transportation Committee**

**I am testifying in support of HB 0280.**

**This has become a necessary need for municipalities to establish a fund for the provision of support for infrastructure needs in the Condo and HOA communities. We are the ones who are being doubly taxed. We would like to see our tax dollars helping us, as well as other communities in our jurisdictions.**

**We have communities that are more than 50+ years old and finding ways to repair, service and maintain the property is becoming a burden for the many communities of varied sizes. We are responsible for our streets, sidewalks, trash removal and snow removal and any areas that need water mitigation services. These communities are facing astronomical repair costs. Gathering sufficient money for these repairs has become quite frightening for those who are living on fixed incomes, retirees and those who are on disability income. Think of our seniors who will have nowhere to go because of the rising costs and will be pushed out.**

**We know that local governments pay to maintain costly infrastructure needs in some communities, but not in ours. We need some balance. This fund would help us greatly. We know our local officials want to do something to help us, so please give us this Bill to make it happen.**