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House Ways & Means Committee
Chairwoman Vanessa E. Atterbeary
Vice Chairwoman Jheanelle K. Wilkins
House Office Building
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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill SB 518 – Tax Sales - Revisions

Chairwoman Atterbeary, Vice Chairwoman Wilkins, & Members of the Ways & Means Committee,

As Members of the General Assembly, we each have the privilege of representing a variety of both small and large municipalities and cities. Empowering our local leaders to uplift their communities will benefit our state as a whole. SB 518 does this by giving local municipal leaders in both Washington and Allegany Counties the ability to have more control over abandoned and blighted properties that do not bring value or prosperity to our communities.

Specifically, SB 518 would allow municipalities in the designated counties to take more swift action in acquiring properties that were offered at tax sale but have remained in limbo/severe disrepair. Unfortunately, many of these properties often breed crime and pose a danger to those within the community. Additionally, this bill would enable municipalities in the designated areas to intervene on properties that have been identified for demolition due to unsafe conditions. Ultimately, allowing more flexibility on the municipal level will assist in tackling the issue of blighted properties.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask for a favorable report on SB 518.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul D. Corderman".

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