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Chair Willis, Vice Chair Daniels, Ranking Member Grim, and fellow members of the House Transportation Committee, thank you for allowing us to provide sponsor testimony for H.B. 83. This bill received consideration last year as well and was unanimously passed out of the House last year, 97-0.

My district is made up of 26 villages, many of which are struggling to meet the needs of their residents, like so many villages around the state. They have seen businesses close through the years and that tax base has not returned. These small villages were nearly all built around a state route that is a critical component to the safe and efficient travel of motorists and commercial carriers. The roads within village limits are a major ongoing concern. There is a lot of local pride in these communities, but they lack resources.

As we heard in testimony last general assembly, this interaction between villages and ODOT varies across the state. In some areas there is great communication and partnership but in others there is not. I believe that through this legislation we can codify best practices and provide uniformity among all ODOT districts. This bill will strengthen the longstanding relationship between ODOT and these smaller municipal corporations. Working with each on the needs that they face whether its snow removal, mowing, sign placement, or just the general upkeep of our roadways.

Thank you for your time and we will be happy to answer any questions.