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Ron Ferguson State Representative

Chair Willis, Vice Chair Daniels, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the House Transportation Committee, thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony for H.B. 83. This bill which strengthens the relationship between ODOT and municipal corporations was considered last year and passed the house unanimously. Today we continue to speak in support of this legislation.

ODOT varies in the amount it collaborates with each district, allowing areas to receive different degrees of attention when their roads need repairs and assistance. The villages in my district are not alone in that they are unable to meet all the needs for maintenance of their road infrastructure without more collaboration between municipal corporations and ODOT. H.B. 83 will provide more unification, bringing more consistency across ODOT districts, helping them in meeting their needs for repairing and maintaining these important roadways.

I want to thank you for taking the time to consider H.B. 83 and am happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Ron Ferguson

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