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Thank you Madam Chair and members of the committee.

I am here today to speak in favor of passage of HB 2629. This bill is the result of many mishaps and abuses by various Home Owner Associations across our state. While many of us have heard the stories of abuses, a constituent of mine has lived it.

Sometime before, the Legislature passed the Home Owners Bill of Rights. While it is law, it behaves more like guidelines. There are no teeth to protect homeowners from HOAs that have become mini governments with more power than the cities they reside in.

In the situation of Scott Wircenske, he had to sue his HOA for compliance, costing him \$6000. When he got some of the records that the current law gives him right to have, many were missing. Through the process he had found the property manager writing himself several checks without any checks or balances.

HB 2629 gives neighbors of HOAs remedy without having to sue said neighbors. Please advance this bill out of committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Schwab". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Rep. Scott Schwab
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