I offer the following observations to the Commerce and Finance Policy Committee as they consider this legislation.

I have been a volunteer in association management in two different homeowner associations, serving for more than 20 years as president, treasurer or secretary. I have dealt with unhappy unit owners on a number of different matters over the years, many relating to association rules which they did not like but which were fundamental to protecting the health and safety of residents and their guests, or that were designed to safeguard the financial stability of the association.

The two HOAs of which I have been a member for more than 50 years are small; 14 and 36 units. Finding volunteers to serve on our board and committees is challenging. This legislation will compound that challenge. I ask you to explain what motivates the presentation of this legislation. What are the problems that you wish to solve? If it is, as I suspect, giving power to individuals who are in HOAs with hundreds of units, please do not make it applicable to smaller associations like mine. On behalf of the thousands of small HOAs in Minnesota, I ask you to abandon this legislation or limit it to where a problem exists that requires governmental oversight.

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