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Senator Doyle, Representative Taborsak, Senator Witkos, Representative Rebimbas, and Honorable members of the General Law Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today. I am writing in support of **HB 5090, AAC the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund and Condominium Associations**. This bill would allow condominium associations to apply to the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund on behalf of one or more condominium unit owners.

The Home Improvement Guaranty Fund is maintained by the Department of Consumer Protection and is used to satisfy an unpaid judgment to a homeowner in cases where a home improvement project is done poorly or paid for and never completed. It applies when the homeowner receives a favorable judgment in court, but the contractor who performed the faulty work has no assets or cannot be located.

This fund protects consumers who are victims of shoddy or unscrupulous contractors. It is only logical that condominium owners should be able to take advantage of this protection. HB 5090 clarifies this sentiment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James M. Albis".

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