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CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members
From: Representative Austin Davis
Date: December 9, 2020
Subject: Foreclosed Property Maintenance

Neglected properties are a danger. Not only an eyesore, abandoned properties are a haven for criminal activity, a potential fire hazard, and a sanitary problem for the whole neighborhood. Foreclosing entities have a responsibility to maintain the properties on their books and must be held liable in their dereliction of duty.

My legislation will create the Property Foreclosure Maintenance Act. This bill will require registration of foreclosed properties with the local municipality. Once registered, foreclosing entities will be held responsible for properly maintaining foreclosed properties under their care.

Proper upkeep of deserted properties is essential in keeping Pennsylvania neighborhoods clean and safe for its residents. It further encourages pride of ownership and increases the attractiveness of a property which aids in attracting purchasers.

Keeping these properties habitable and marketable not only stabilizes property values, it ensures their likely sale to deserving families who will love and maintain them. Well cared for homes create healthy communities. Please join me in preventing blight and promoting safe, well-maintained neighborhoods for all Pennsylvanians.