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Sponsor Testimony for House Bill 563

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Chair Wiggam, Vice-Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the House State and Local Government Committee: thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 563.

Working class folks all across the country and specifically here in Ohio use short-term rentals to make a family vacation more affordable. Others may use a short-term rental to help make ends meet by renting out a spare bedroom. In other communities, short-term rentals can provide an option for lodging when there are no alternatives. Whatever the case may be – this bill is about securing private property rights for every Ohioan.

In recent years, local governments across the U.S., including several in Ohio, have placed burdensome regulations or even outright bans on the use of short-term rental properties. These restrictions aren't only harmful to Ohio tourism and small business owners, but are a direct violation of individual property rights and often hurt the working class most of all.

House Bill 563 would prohibit local governments from placing excessive restrictions or outright bans on short-term rentals, while still retaining the power of local governments to create regulations for the health and safety of their communities.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 563. We would be happy to answer any questions at this time.