



Representative Sarah Fowler Arthur

Chair Wiggam, Vice-Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the House State and Local Government Committee, thank you for taking time to hear our sponsor testimony on HB 563 – to protect private property rights and establish parity for short-term rentals in Ohio.

As people change the way they travel, more individuals have become interested in renting out their home or secondary properties for short-term stays. There are a variety of ways to do this from AirBnb to private websites, Bed and Breakfasts to Vacation Rental By Owner (VRBO). Availability of short-term housing can boost the local economy through taxes, restaurants, activities, and event attendance. Unfortunately, across the nation some local government entities are arbitrarily closing their doors and prohibiting property owners from offering short-term rentals.

HB 563 is a proactive bill to ensure that every private property owner in Ohio retains their constitutional right to lawfully use their property to support themselves and their family, including through short-term rentals. This bill supports local government entities properly regulating short-term rentals to protect the health and safety of the community, prevent public nuisances or nightmares, and ensure compliance with fire and building standards. We believe this establishes parity across the state while protecting Ohio's entrepreneurs and small business owners.

The bill is garnering support from a variety of groups in the hospitality, tourism, travel, and private property arenas. It has been endorsed by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce President Steve Stivers and Americans For Prosperity. Ensuring Ohioans retain their constitutional right to rent out their property in a lawful manner is just good sense for Ohio.

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