

I am writing in support of HB 563. My family and I operate Grand River Valley Rentals in Geneva, Ohio. Our area is a prime tourist destination in Ohio with a variety of attractions including; wineries, covered bridges, Lake Erie, Historic Geneva on the Lake and Ashtabula Harbor, Olympic and Paralympic training facility, Spire Institute and more! We have housed students and families for Spire Institute, have hosted visitors from all 50 States, plus England, Germany, Denmark and France, and have arranged tours, sold event tickets and provided a locals perspective when advising guests planning their visit. Our guests patronize area businesses, wineries, restaurants and more.

Restrictions on short term rentals would affect my family's business, and small rentals operated by many of our friends, neighbors and residents in our thriving community.

The additional bed taxes collected provides for improvements in our communities. The sales tax collected by area businesses, from money spent by visitors while staying in short term rentals, supports Geneva, Ohio, Ashtabula County, and the State of Ohio.

From the Ashtabula County Commissioners: Going into the 2022 year we have about 350 establishments registered.

In 2021 the county received \$1,313,049.30 in lodging tax.

Of that 1.3 mil it was disbursed to:

\$745,415.15 went to the Ashtabula County Convention and Visitors Board

\$523,840.10 went to the Convention Facilities Authority

\$39,288.01 Stayed with the county

\$1,317.99 went to the townships

\$3,449.05 in penalties stay with the county

In closing, to restrict short term rentals would remove valuable funds from our communities that allow for improvements and support area services. It would hinder the growth of our wineries and attractions by reducing space for overnight guests. It would reduce the number of service positions available, as well as money spent at our area businesses. The trickle down effect will have a serious impact on these communities.

Please support this bill. It supports the communities in which we work and play, and also allows us to share the best of our community's with the world.

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