



Before the House State and Local Government Committee  
Proponent Testimony on House Bill 563  
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Chairman Wiggam, Vice-Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and the members of the State and Local Government Committee, my name is Tony Long, and I am the Director of Tax & Economic Policy for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the business members of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express our support for House Bill 563.

HB 563 recognizes the growing importance of short-term rentals to Ohio's economy and reflects the growing use of these short-term rentals to meet the new economy, new reasons for travel and transient needs of residents, such as families between a home sold and new move-in date, or those that may have extended family visiting. HB 563 is a proactive piece of legislation to create a statewide regulatory framework that balances the safety of a local community with the private property rights of Ohioans who want to provide lodging on a short-term rental basis of either their primary residence or secondary residence.

Short-term rentals also meet the vacation needs of visitors traveling to areas without other lodging options, vacation needs of larger families, and needs of visitors that want to experience a city as a resident while they check out the city for a show, concert, or other event. These are opportunities to grow business income for Ohioans as they explore this new economy. A 2021 survey conducted by David Binder Research asked Ohio voters whether they support or opposes allowing Ohio residents to rent out their homes on Airbnb. 74% of the respondents say they support while only 16% oppose. Local communities should be barred from prohibiting short-term rentals that do not harm the safety of the community and are used in a lawful manner.

The Ohio Chamber supports HB 563 and encourages the referral of the bill to the House for a favorable vote. Thank you for the time to testify on the bill and I look forward to answering any questions you may have for me.