

Airbnb has been the biggest blessing to my life and to my family's life. Supporting short-term rentals really helps the local businesses because people are coming to town and spending more money than a local person would because they're here for short time and so they bring more money into the economy more quickly. Definitely helps small businesses. Airbnb supporting short-term rentals is really something that the community needs and should not be affected by regulation. Having the income from Airbnb on short-term rentals has really helped my family being able to put money back into the community with making repairs to the house and that I wouldn't before been able to afford. Thus again providing more jobs to local contractors.

I have been a host for more than 2 years now and I really hope that legislation does not take away our freedom to rent our house the way we see fit.

When we are welcoming guests into our home we shouldn't be forced to only accept long term guests. That might not work for all people. Not every situation works for everyone. Each host should have the right to decide what works best for their homes. Also some short term guests come to the area and want to stay long term but can't afford long term accommodations at the moment. Taking away the benefit of short term renters will affect more than people could understand if you don't have to live in that type of housing. Don't let people views on how people should rent or live force all people to follow same path. It's not for everyone and that's the beauty of Airbnb, they have situations for everyone.

If my family loses their ability to earn income from Airbnb short-term rentals it will greatly affect my family. It will affect my ability to pay my mortgage it will affect my ability to do repairs. It will affect so many of us if you take away the short-term side of renting. You just have to know that doing short-term rentals in no way creates anything bad for the community, for the hosts or for Airbnb. But taking it away will be detrimental.

People that come to town for work can't afford expensive hotels and might not want to sign a lease for a year when their work contract is 6 months. Providing flexibility is a great asset. Also a lot of people don't travel because they can't afford hotel accommodations. Airbnb provides that Gap of affordable housing for short term renters. I have people come to town for weddings, birthday parties, sporting events, funerals, job interviews, hospital internships, school internships, people looking to relocate but want to try out different neighborhoods, people that have a gap in their old lease and new lease, people that come to the area to buy a house but the house isn't ready yet. Not all people need long-term housing. Not all people can afford housing for special events outside of Airbnb. Please do not take away the freedom of short-term rentals.

Sincerely,

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