

We have been hosting with Airbnb for the past 6 years. It has been a wonderful experience. When we relocated to Dayton, we bought a five and half acre property on the Stillwater River with a house and a cottage on it. We were excited to have our Canadian family and friends have a place to stay when they visited. We realized that for the times that they we were not using the guest house, rather than have it sit empty, we could host short-term guests, and supplement our incomes in order to offset the costs of upkeeping the property and both houses. We take hosting seriously and have maintained 5 star superhost status from the beginning.

We have met people from around the world. We have introduced them to Dayton, the surrounding attractions, the Air Force Museum, Carillon Park, our five river Metroparks, the bike paths, the fruit market around the corner, the deli up the street, our favorite restaurants in the Oregon District, local craft breweries, and unique boutiques. Many of our guests are originally from the area and are returning to visit family, to attend weddings, to visit their alma mater or the base, to care for elderly family members. We have many return guests who have retired to Florida or California and return to visit children and grandchildren who settled in Ohio. Since Covid, our guests come from closer by, many from within Ohio. Families looking for respite, a change of scenery, a quiet place - like home but not the same four walls that isolated them during these challenging times - close by, private, and clean. Our lives during Covid changed drastically for me as work dried up when the theatres closed. The income from the guest house became my sole source of part time income and our cottage, which would have remained empty, which would have had the cable, wifi, and power turned off because our family was on the other side of a closed border, was alive with guests whose kids could be online at school in the day, play in the river in the evenings, order in food and groceries from local vendors, visit outside with family members, and help to keep a struggling local economy supported. We value the ability to have short term guests stay at our cottage. HB563 would allow us to continue to support our family's ability to be homeowners, and to support our community's buisnesses, thru short term rental of our guest house. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Darlene Spencer