

With my wife and 3 sons, I have been hosting Airbnbs and Vrbos for the past 7 years. Without these facilities, we would have had no income during the recent economic recession and COVID pandemic. Instead, we have discovered a way to provide beautiful, clean and welcoming places for people to stay in while we are supporting our family without public assistance. HB563 would provided assurance to us that we can continue to make a living without public support and/or public interference and limitations. We enjoy fixing up and maintaining our places and welcoming all kinds of wonderful people into our safe and sanitary spaces. There are few hotels in our rural area, so our rentals bring money into our small community. They frequent local restaurants, gas stations, tourist stops, small shops, and businesses. Because we host short-term stays, we are constantly cleaning, upgrading, and maintaining our places. Airbnb and Vrbo grade guests as well as hosts, so the quality of guests and the places in which they stay are of highest quality. I would be HAPPY to meet with lawmakers alongside other hosts, virtually or in-person, to share my story.

Sincerely,

David Sedensky