

I am a successful businessman in Portage County, Ohio. I have owned many traditional rental properties for the past 50 years properties as well as Airbnbs and Vrbos for the past 7 years. I want to speak out in favor of the short-term rentals. They fulfill a need that traditional rentals do not. They provide desperately needed housing for visitors to my rural area as there are no hotels close to Mantua. They bring visitors INTO our community to spend money, support our small businesses and restaurants. With small towns such as Mantua struggling to survive in the poor economic climate and COVID's impact, it is more important than ever to bring visitors into rural areas.

HB563 is very important. Support it!

Sincerely,

Eric Hummel