

Hello,

I just started recently hosting. I own a duplex in Clintonville (Columbus). I live in one side and the other side is a beautiful Airbnb. I love hosting guests and sharing all the great things the city of Columbus and state of Ohio have to offer. The income from the Airbnb covers the mortgage for my whole duplex. This greatly reduces my financial stress. This is helping me save for the future and retirement. I believe that short term rentals benefit the community by offering safe and alternative lodging to travelers. I have several systems that ensure the safety of my guests and neighbors. I utilize security cameras on the exterior of the property. This cuts down on potential parties and criminal/unsafe activity. I also have a noise sensor inside the unit. It does not record anything. It simply measures the decibels inside the unit. This helps me be aware if there is a party going on (which is not allowed in my unit.) This in turn helps keep my neighbors. I require all my guests to be verified through Airbnb. This helps reduce nefarious characters from using the space. happyThis is especially true as we navigate the pandemic. There is a move away from dense hotel lodging. I know hotel lobbyists will tell you otherwise, but short term rentals are beneficial to travelers, hosts and the community. On top of that, it should be the property owners right to have a short term rental on their property. Many cities in the country are regulating against them. I think this is a poor choice. Those cities are missing out on the potential tax income from those short term rentals.

I believe this bill will benefit guests, hosts and most importantly...our communities.

Sincerely,

Evan Davison