

I have been hosting since 2018 when I lost my job with JP Morgan Chase. I then invested every single penny from my 401k into revitalizing this Neighborhood. As a black single Mother, this has been a source of income to help pay for my expenses and to keep the neighborhood desirable. Being a host has made me extremely proud of my neighborhood and I love the fact that tourist from all over the world come for an event in Columbus and are pleasantly surprised by this historic and beautiful neighborhood. Short-term rentals allows me to keep my property and be able to pay my taxes without losing my home and I truly believe it's best for a diversified community not huge amount of the gentrification happening right now; as homes are ripped out of the hands of hardworking citizens. If this income is made unavailable I won't be able to keep my home and the realtors who eagerly await to sell our houses off to the highest bidders win! Making it impossible for people like me who have invested so much to remain in my community and continue to make an impact. This Neighborhood belongs to all of us and it would be a shame if you attempt to chase us out by any means possible.

Sincerely,

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