

I am a 75-year-old retired painter. I have a lot of medical conditions that limit my movement and my ability to make money. I have supported myself my entire life so this disturbs me greatly. Thanks to my ability to open up all or part of my house to Airbnb and Vrbo guests for the past several years, I have been able to support myself with very little public assistance. This has saved my pride and financial life. Without this, I would have had NO INCOME and don't know what I would do! HB563 would let me continue to support myself without public interference or limitations. These have also provided me with social interaction. I live in a very rural area and I often feel isolated. Hosting the many wonderful guests in my home allows me to show off and share my beautiful home (that I have remodeled myself). I also enjoy giving them tips on the cool places to visit in my area-- secret gems that few people know about! My short-term rental is SO important to me! Because Airbnb and Vrbo evaluate guests as well as hosts, I am completely at ease in sharing my personal space with wonderful guests. I would gladly meet with lawmakers, virtually or in-person, to share my story.

Sincerely,

Richard Maiden