

# *Catawba Island Township*

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House Representative Sarah Fowler-Arthur  
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RE: HB 563 Short-Term Rentals

Dear Honorable House Representatives Sarah Fowler-Arthur & Ron Ferguson –

In November of 1965, the Catawba Island Township residents voted to enact township wide zoning, as authorized by Chapter 519 of the Ohio Revised Code. The purpose, as stated in the zoning resolution, is to promote public health, safety, morals, comfort and/or general welfare; to conserve and protect property and property values; to secure the most appropriate use of land; and/or to facilitate adequate but economical provision of public improvements.

The Catawba Island Township Trustees are now in receipt of HB 563 which proposes to prohibit the township from regulating short-term rentals (30 days or less) by proposing:

5325.01. (B) No county, township, or municipal corporation shall adopt or enforce any regulation, restriction, or other resolution or ordinance that does either of the following:

- (1) Prohibits short-term rentals;
- (2) Regulates the number, duration, or frequency of rental periods for short-term rental properties.


Be advised that the Catawba Island Township Trustees are in opposition to HB 563 as the State Legislature continues to erode the township's ability to effectively regulate land usage for the betterment of its residents. The Trustees are concerned with the inability to address negative situations that are a direct result of short-term rentals.

The township appreciates the ability to comment on proposed HB 563 and urges the Legislature to thoroughly review and consider the proposal. Once completed, the township is certain that the Legislature will come to the conclusion that HB 563 is not favorable to the majority of the township residents.

Sincerely,



Matt Montowski  
Trustee



William Rofkar  
Trustee



Diane Belden  
Trustee