



Chairman Wiggam  
Ohio House State and Local Government Committee  
77 South High Street  
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

Chairman Wiggam:

On behalf of the Village of Granville, I am writing to you to voice opposition to HB 563 which would preempt local governments from regulating short-term rental operations within their community.

Granville Village Council passed a short-term rental code in January 2021. This legislation was prompted by residents' concerns over the growth of short-term rental operations, the potential impacts on public safety, and effects on property values. Our code does not prohibit such operations. Instead, it manages the inventory and ensures rental providers adhere to certain standards of security, health, and safety.

Local control as granted to municipalities in the Ohio Constitution ensures that a village such as ours can enact ordinances and regulations that reflect the will of its residents. If a municipality seeks to regulate short-term rental properties as we did, then that action is a direct reflection of the desires of the members of that community.

HB 563 is a clear breach of our constitutional Home Rule authority. It is critical that the state preserve local control and continue to provide our residents a voice in what is best for the community they call home. A government closest to the people governs best, and that is why we strongly urge your opposition to this bill.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Ohio House State and Local Government Committee, for your consideration of our concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Herb Koehler'.

Herb Koehler  
Village Manager