

March 8, 2022

The Ohio Municipal League
c/o Ms. Ashley Ringle
Director of Communications
175 S. Third Street, Suite 510
Columbus, OH 43215

Subject: HB 563 - Short Term Rentals

Dear Ms. Ringle,

On behalf of the City of Upper Arlington, Ohio, I am writing to express our strong opposition to HB 563. As currently drafted, HB 563 would preempt municipalities from regulating or prohibiting the use of short-term rental properties. This legislation is a clear violation of Home Rule authority and prohibits municipalities from creating necessary regulations that protect the safety and best interests of the residents in each individual community. The City of Upper Arlington, like many cities in Ohio, has adopted reasonable and common-sense regulations of short-term rentals to protect and preserve the quiet enjoyment of its residential neighborhoods.

Local governments have an important responsibility to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents, and we are concerned that these measures compromise that traditional authority. We strongly oppose this effort to restrict local authority and will fight this with all available resources.

Sincerely,

Steven Schoeny
City Manager

C: Senator Sherrod Brown
Senator Rob Portman
Representatives Joyce Beatty, Troy Balderson and Mike Carey
Committee Chairman Scott Wiggam

C via email: The Honorable Brendan King, Upper Arlington City Council President
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