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Chairman Wiggam

Members of the Ohio House State and Local Government Committee

Honorable Representatives,

I am writing you to express my opposition to HB 563 due to the negative impact it would have on the City of New Philadelphia.

HB 563 would preempt local governments from regulating or prohibiting the use of short-term rental properties. This preemption of municipal Home Rule authority would prohibit my municipality from creating necessary regulations of AirBnBs and similar businesses to protect the health and safety of New Philadelphia residents, and the visitors who stay in short term rentals.

In addition, HB 563 could open the door to allowing AirBnBs and other short-term rentals to operate as do hotels and motels, *without* paying the city lodging tax. That tax helps provide City services to local businesses. Short-term rentals could also operate as a business in the City's residential neighborhoods: a clear violation of New Philadelphia's Zoning Code.

Local control is granted to New Philadelphia in the Ohio Constitution, to ensure that it can enact ordinances and regulations that reflect the will of our residents. HB 563 would preempt that constitutional Home Rule authority. Those of you with municipal government experience know the value of preserving Home Rule for self-government.

Chairman Wiggam and members of the Ohio House State and Local Government Committee, thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joel Beahm Day". The signature is stylized and includes a small mark below the name.

Joel Beahm Day, Mayor