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

RE: Opposition of HB 563

Chairman Wiggam:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate local opposition to HB 563 from a community that has a long history with transient or short-term lodging. There are multiple concerns raised with HB 563 to include the creation of a new term and definition of transient lodging, to confuse State building standards and the application of them to a transient or short-term structure, to misrepresent terms found in the tax code for transient lodging or bed tax, to favor one property owners' rights over another, and to trample the local constitutional authority of home rule.

HB 563 would preempt local governments from regulating or prohibiting the use of short-term or transient rental properties. This preemption of municipal Home Rule authority would prohibit my municipality from creating necessary regulations that protect the safety and best interests of the residents in Geneva on the Lake.

Local control as granted to municipalities in the Ohio Constitution ensures that a village can enact ordinances and regulations that reflect the will of its residents. If a municipality seeks to regulate short term or transient rental properties, then that action is a direct reflection of the desires of residents of that community. Statewide preemptions such as HB 563 would prevent the local community from being able to decide whether local policies regarding short-term rental properties or transient rentals are in the best interest of our individual community.

HB 563 would preempt the constitutional Home Rule authority that grants the residents of municipalities a voice in deciding what is best for the character of their community. It is critical that the state preserve local control. What works best for my municipality does not always work for another village or town. The government closest to the people governs best, and that is why we urge your opposition to this bill.

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

Respectfully,

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Geneva on the Lake Village Administrator

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