

Hello Chair O'Brien,

I am writing to voice my opinion in favor of responsibly managed short term rentals in Ohio after owning and directly managing 3 properties for the past 10 years. Two are near Riverside Hospital and OSU campus (duplex) and one is in rural Sunbury.

Professionally, I am a social worker (Ohio licensed since 1996) and own/operate a practice of 25 therapists.

My experience in hosting hasn't been perfect but I wouldn't trade it if I had it to do over. In the COVID period I learned how to avoid /refuse bookings from renters who are up to no good for the neighborhood. Since then we have had much success with almost 500 4.5+ star reviews from guests, and complete resolution of a handful of less than 10 neighbor complaints. We not only enjoy hosting with a passion but it makes an incredible difference to our family economically. I have two children with disabilities - it's very challenging to navigate the financial demands and healthcare. I hope that for many years to come we can host people in our rental properties while continuing to create an environment where neighbors are not disturbed or concerned about safety.

Thank you for your consideration in this important Senate bill!

Brian Davis

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Sincerely,

Brian Davis