

Hello Chair O'Brien,

Dear Senator Liston, my wife and I are writing to encourage you to vote for SB 104, Mr. Brenner's recently introduced bill regarding local regulation, taxing of short-term rental properties, that has been referred to the Local Government Committee.

We are retired seniors who live on fixed incomes in Gahanna. After using Airbnb in our travels, we realized our renovated 1952 home was a perfect match for guests like us looking for friendly homegrown accommodations versus cold and pricy corporate lodgers.

Since 2017, we have enjoyed the opportunity to host hundreds of guests who now know Gahanna because they found us and liked what we offer. When they book us, they bring their buying power to local merchants, who but for us wouldn't have our guests as their new customers.

The revenue we earn as "Superhosts" enables us to keep pace with the across-board rise in prices, including groceries, utility costs and skyrocketing property taxes that are forcing seniors living on fixed incomes to cut corners in order to remain solvent and safe.

Please don't hesitate to contact us for additional information or help.

Sincerely yours,

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