

Hello Chair O'Brien,

Dear Senator,

As a resident and taxpayer of our wonderful State of Ohio, I'd like to request your assistance in our crucial issues to defend our property rights and personal freedom to make ends meet and make a living in a decent way. I'm one of many state residents that have been using their properties to host guests in short-term rentals (STRs) since 2021. Hosting guests via Airbnb, VRBO and Booking.com has made a difference to me (and many others) and made life pleasant and endurable during and after the crazy COVID times. It also provides a way to cover our mortgage payments and still being able to afford living in the greater Cincinnati area.

Please protect our rights to use our homes to provide a safe and cheaper option to families and other groups who come to visit our city/area for multiple reasons. STRs are good for me, and many others, like handymen, cleaners, and many more, and it's definitely an excellent alternative to pricey hotels to many that can't afford them.

If the State of Ohio imposed more regulations and burdens on homeowners, trying to limit or finish STRs there will be many losers and only the big hotel chains will benefit.

Please help us.

Sincerely,

David Bayer