

Hello Chair O'Brien,

I am a constituent and local real estate investor. I have spent over a million dollars repairing dilapidated properties in Fairport Harbor, OH. I recently purchased and invested about \$250,000 in repairing the old Lighthouse Inn. We have converted this building into a Short Term Rental facility. Last year we had approximately 2,000 nights of stays. These guests are staying in Fairport Harbor and spending their money in our community. This I believe is a great benefit for the community.

A major problem that I have had is that while we are yet to hit profitability, I have multiple government entities trying to reach into my pockets. The County has instituted a 5% tax on our gross revenue, the Village of Fairport is looking to institute a registration program, that will take another 1% of our gross revenue. Worse yet I had to point out to the Village that their proposed regulation would ban hotels in the Village. We need uniform rules written by experts. Having a patchwork of poorly written regulations is helping no one and gives me great pause in expanding this business.

Sincerely,

Zachary Weaver