

Hello Chair O'Brien,

The importance of short-term Airbnb rentals in the Lake Erie coast area have been instrumental in tourism and commerce. However, we have had to jump through many hoops with each step requiring another registration and another fee.

We rent cautiously to remain good neighbors. We do not allow parties or any renters coming into town to be disruptive in any way. The Airbnb platform allows us to do that with great success. We only rent to members with an established account and positive reviews.

We don't make money with our rental but the extra income helps us pay for a property that would otherwise be difficult to afford. The high cost of vacation properties has priced out the middle class. I have been fortunate to enjoy Lake Erie summers since I was a kid and our property now will someday belong to our children so they can continue to enjoy the wonderful natural resource that we are fortunate enough to live near.

We have received push back from all angles such as the city, the county, and other owners in our COA. The area in general has various rental laws. Now, we are facing yet another legislative hoop. The city of Port Clinton, Catawba, Marblehead, and the Lake Erie Islands all benefit from the tourism. We even have repeat guests in the winter and for the upcoming bird migration season, both of which help local business in the off-seasons. Continuing rentals is essential to the local economy and those trying to afford property in an otherwise unaffordable area.

Please vote to support and protect the owners of Airbnb rental properties.

Thank you for your time,

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