

Hello Chair O'Brien,

I am a constituent, a homeowner in Cleveland, and a proud host on Airbnb. Hosting short-term rentals in our community is not just about providing lodging—it plays a crucial role in supporting families in distress, particularly those facing serious medical issues. Many of my guests are in Cleveland to seek treatment at world-class medical facilities and rely on short-term rentals to stay together as a family during some of the most difficult times of their lives.

Cleveland is a unique and vibrant community, rich with history and culture and a welcoming spirit. Short-term rentals help bring visitors to our local businesses, support our economy, and showcase everything our city has to offer. Without the ability to host, travelers would have fewer options for comfortable, home-like stays, forcing many to seek more expensive or less suitable accommodations.

For homeowners like myself, hosting is not just a passion—it is a necessity. Owning a home comes with significant expenses, including property taxes, maintenance, and rising utility costs. Being able to share our homes with guests allows us to afford these expenses and invest in our properties. If we were stripped of the ability to host, many of us would face insurmountable financial burdens. This would impact individual homeowners and lead to broader economic consequences, including decreased property values and less consumer spending in our local community.

I urge you to consider the far-reaching impacts of any regulations that would limit or eliminate short-term rentals in Cleveland and urge you to vote yes on SB 104. SB 104 protects property rights, supports tourism and hosts ability to make ends meet, and creates an even playing field for Ohioans. We need thoughtful policies that balance community concerns while allowing responsible homeowners to continue providing much-needed lodging options for visitors.

Thank you for your time and your service to our community.

Sincerely,

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