

Hello Chair O'Brien,

I am a proud resident of Huber Heights, as well as a small business owner and Airbnb Superhost. I am reaching out today to express my strong support for Senate Bill 104 and to ask for your vote in favor of this important legislation.

I currently operate two short-term rental properties in Ohio — 'Dolly's Haven,' a Dolly Parton-themed retreat in Huber Heights, and 'Parrot Head Haven,' a fun, Jimmy Buffett-inspired getaway in Piqua. Hosting has not only allowed me to share the unique charm of Ohio with travelers from all over, but it has also contributed positively to my community by supporting local businesses, boosting tourism, and providing a welcoming space for families visiting loved ones during the holidays.

The income from hosting has been instrumental in helping me maintain and improve these properties, invest in my local community, and support my family. It has also given me the flexibility to pursue my career as a real estate agent. Without the ability to host, I would face significant financial strain, and the ripple effect would be felt by the local shops, restaurants, and services that benefit from my guests' patronage.

Unfortunately, like many hosts, I have experienced challenges due to unclear or overly restrictive local regulations that threaten the sustainability of my business. SB 104 would help create a fair and consistent set of rules across Ohio, protecting property rights and ensuring that responsible hosts like myself can continue contributing to the state's vibrant tourism economy.

I respectfully urge you to vote YES on SB 104. This bill will not only support entrepreneurs like me but also strengthen Ohio's reputation as a welcoming destination for travelers.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I truly appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Shannon Barker