

Hello Chair O'Brien,

I am a constituent living in Columbus, Ohio. Please vote yes on SB 104 and support host entrepreneurs like myself. I have been landlording since 2005 and as a Airbnb host since 2017. It is my sole income and provides for me and my family. I purchased a rental property in Franklinton in 2011. Franklinton is a low income neighborhood. The first six years almost bankrupted me as tenants failed to pay rent. Airbnb has literally saved my business from ruin with steady paying tourists. The income I earn from Airbnb allows me to hire locals to maintain the property from plumbers, electricians, cleaners, and landscapers. I fear if Airbnb was no longer allowed my rental business would fail due to nonpaying local clientele.

Thank you for their time.

Sincerely,

Jacob Sternberg