

Hello Chair O'Brien,

I have been an Airbnb host in Mount Vernon for the past 5 years and have been able to offer a home space for many visitors coming to see their children at the Nazarene University and Kenyon College. I have hosted many families coming to the Mount Vernon area to visit family , attend weddings / funerals and have given them the option to all be together in a home versus a hotel setting. Having an Airbnb has also assisted me with bringing some extra income to assist with supporting my family.

We now have to pay hotel taxes to the county and city which has caused us to increase our fees passed on to the consumer. These taxes seem excessive since we all ready pay our yearly property taxes.

I am asking you to vote yes on SB104 and support host entrepreneurs and continue to give families options other than hotels when travelling

Sincerely,

Kelly Barnett