

Hello Chair O'Brien,

My name is Rusty Edwards, and I am one of your constituents in Blacklick. I am writing to urge you to vote yes on SB 104 to support host entrepreneurs like me.

Our whole family is involved in hosting short-term and mid-term rentals. Through this experience, we have learned property management together and discovered a passion for providing welcoming accommodations. Hosting is more than just a business for us—it's a way to contribute to our local economy by offering much-needed lodging options at Buckeye Lake.

During the spring, summer, and fall, our rentals provide a place for visitors to enjoy the lake, boosting tourism and supporting local businesses. In the late fall and winter, we transition to mid-term rentals for working professionals, ensuring year-round economic support for our community. This flexibility is essential for both travelers and local businesses that rely on guest spending.

I appreciate your time and consideration in supporting SB 104. Protecting host entrepreneurs helps strengthen Ohio's economy and ensures that families like mine can continue providing valuable lodging options. Thank you for your service to our district.

Sincerely,

Rusty Edwards

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