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**Good afternoon, Chairwoman O'Brien and Members of the Committee,**

My name is Chuck Brunello, Jr and I am the Mayor of Highland Heights. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 104. I appreciate your time and consideration on this important matter.

SB 104 would severely restrict local governments' ability to regulate short-term rentals, undermining the municipal home rule authority that allows us to make decisions in the best interest of our community. In Highland Heights, we have received numerous concerns from residents about the negative impact of short-term rentals in our neighborhoods. These properties often function more like hotels, bringing a constant rotation of guests who have no long-term investment in the community.

Homeowners near these short-term rental properties have expressed frustration over excessive noise, parking congestion, and disturbances that disrupt their daily lives. These issues not only diminish residents' quality of life but also place an undue burden on our local law enforcement, which has been called upon repeatedly over the last few months to respond to complaints.

Residents deserve to feel secure in their homes and confident that their neighborhoods will remain peaceful and stable. Stripping local governments of the authority to regulate short-term rentals removes essential tools needed to protect our community and preserve its character.

We urge you to reject SB 104 and allow municipalities like Highland Heights to continue addressing these concerns in a way that best serves our residents. Thank you for your time, and I welcome any questions the committee may have.

Respectfully,

Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr

City Of Highland Heights