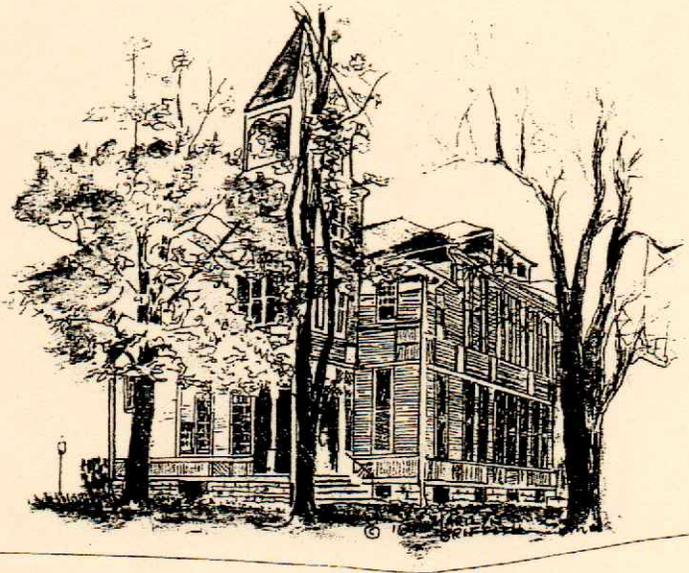


Boston Township Trustees

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March 9, 2025

RE: SB 104

Senator Sandra O'Brien, Chair
Local Government Committee
Ohio Senate

Dear Chair O'Brien,

I am writing this as a Trustee of Boston Township in Summit County. This letter is in opposition to SB 104 which limits a local government from regulating short-term rentals.

Boston Township's zoning ordinance defines a bed and breakfast as *house or portion thereof, where short term lodging rooms and meals are provided. The operator of the inn shall live on the premises or in an adjacent premises.* There are other safety regulations in the ordinance. This will allow an owner-occupied property a way to add money to their income. Short term rentals are businesses that would be the elimination of residential properties.

We have seen, in a neighboring community, where these absentee landlords have no interest in the community. These rental property owners have nothing invested in the community. No community involvement, no interaction with the residents, and no children in our school system. Often there is no concern for parking in no parking areas, loud noise and music; resulting in neighbors having to repeatedly call the police for assistance.

Boston Township is unique in that 87% of or property is owned by the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Another 5% is tax exempt for other reasons. To take away the bulk of what is left by absentee landlords is simply wrong. We wish to have our remaining property in owner occupied homes with homeowners invested in our community.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak for our residents.

Sincerely,

Amy Anderson, Trustee

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