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Chairwoman O'Brien, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Smith, and members of the Senate Local Government committee. My name is Andy Rose, and I am the Administrator for Concord Township in Lake County, OH. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in opposition to SB 104, Short-Term Rental (STR) regulation.

Concord Township is a Limited Home Rule Township. We currently have very few short-term rentals but we also realize that the trend for these types of rentals is growing. We do not wish to have our responsibility to govern locally be taken away by the State. Single-family neighborhoods within our community are desirable for residents to raise their families and to enjoy the stability of a community. The inability to regulate short term rentals goes against our community standards.

I am asking you to vote against SB 104 or remove the State's mandate to limit our local authority to regulate short-term rental homes. The people of our townships should be able to maintain their right to govern. We are not anti-development and we currently have three separate housing developments, totaling over 200 new single and multi-family homes, in various phases of planning and/or construction.

In addition to the inability to regulate the short-term rentals, this bill allows for a registration process, accompanied by a \$20 fee per year per property. This registration provision will help townships know where rentals are located, which can help safety services if an emergency call happens or in the event of a nuisance complaint so that the owner may be contacted.

Concord Township finds the \$20 fee to be woefully inadequate as it will not cover our administrative costs. In the past, Concord Township was called to address short-term rentals that became a nuisance. We feel that it is critical we maintain our ability of regulation as well as the opportunity to recuperate fees to assist with the cost of hosting short-term rental properties. Should this bill move forward, we recommend a more robust fee in the lines of \$150 - \$200 per year to ensure this does not become an unfunded mandate which adds additional costs to our taxpayers.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on SB 104.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Rose".

Andy Rose, Administrator