

SB – 104 Written Testimony
Stefanie Hawk
Council Member, City of Cheviot – Hamilton County

I'm writing to address the Senate Local Government Committee on the topic of the proposed bill that would pre-empt home-rule regulations on short-term property rentals. Our city is actively pursuing setting up such provisions using guidance provided by Air BNB to ensure that we are setting the right balance between transient and permanent residents in our city.

The proposed bill would preempt the home-rule authority and tie our hands from being able to address the issues that are specific to our community. This is not and should not be treated with a one-size-fits-all solution. The needs of larger and medium-sized cities, suburban communities and rural areas are all different than what works for the small City of Cheviot. We are a small 1.2 square mile city, with a population around 8,000 that has a very tight real estate market and rising housing / rental prices. We need the authority to be able to set limits for ourselves and be answerable to our local constituents.

Please do not address this legislation and further usurp the authority of the local community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stefanie Hawk". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Stefanie Hawk
Council Member
City of Cheviot