

May 26, 2025

To the Members of the Ohio Senate Local Government Committee,

My name is Chris Evans, and I am a short-term rental host in Cincinnati, Ohio. I am writing to express my strong support for SB104.

I invested in my property with the intention of creating a sustainable, long-term source of income. The prospect of sudden, steep tax increases or unpredictable regulations makes it difficult to plan for the future and threatens the financial security I've worked hard to build.

I also see my short-term rental as a way to contribute to the community. I hire local cleaners, pay them a fair wage, and know that my guests support nearby businesses like restaurants, shops, and attractions. These ripple effects help strengthen the local economy in a real and meaningful way.

Operating a short-term rental has given me a hard-won sense of financial freedom. But without the guardrails that SB104 provides, I worry that municipalities—especially those facing budget pressures—might impose excessive taxes or regulations that would make it impossible for small, responsible hosts like me to continue.

I urge you to pass SB104 and help protect the rights of Ohioans to offer short-term rentals in a fair, predictable environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher David Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "E".

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