

We are respectfully asking for your support and to vote yes on SB 104. In 2024, my wife and I retired from our jobs in Central Ohio. Using the savings we had faithfully accumulated together over the past 30 years, we purchased a small home in the University District of our hometown, Columbus, Ohio. Our long-term goal is to move into this home, but in the short term, we need to use it as a short term rental/Airbnb to supplement our retirement income; this additional income is crucial for us to supplement our Social Security income.

Airbnb has been a helpful partner in our endeavor. We love our next door neighbors and treat them, as well as our Airbnb guests, with the utmost respect. We have made numerous visual and structural improvements to our home, thereby increasing its value while enhancing the beauty of our neighborhood. The University District in Columbus needs short-term rentals, and we are helping to accommodate the many students and families who attend educational, sporting, and cultural events associated with The Ohio State University and the Short North. We intentionally direct our Airbnb guests to local restaurants and shopping centers, thereby supporting our local Columbus economy. We faithfully pay our monthly 5% city Airbnb tax as well. We consistently employ several hard working ladies who help us clean our home between guest rentals, up to four times a month, and we pay them \$250.00, thankfully each time for their help.

Our Airbnb is rated as a five-star (top 1%) property because of how we treat our guests. Our next-door neighbors even requested to have their family stay in our Airbnb during the Thanksgiving holiday last year.

Thank you for your time and concern as we truly need to continue short term renting our home with Airbnb to supplement our retirement income. Doing so allows us to continue to contribute to our local community as a still hardworking couple in our retirement. Our home, as an Airbnb, has been a win-win situation for our retirement, our neighbors, our guests, our employees and our local economy!

Respectfully submitted,

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