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Thank you, Chairman and honorable members of the committee, for hearing from me today. My name is Marcy and I am a single mom, I started out cleaning Airbnbs just to help make ends meet. It gave me the flexibility I needed to support my daughter. I was trying to learn everything I could about hospitality, customer service, and the short-term rental business.

I now own and operate multiple Airbnb properties in Huron, Ohio up north on beautiful Lake Erie. These homes not only provide stable income for my family, but they've also created a foundation of long-term security for my daughter's future.

Beyond supporting my family, this journey has allowed me to contribute to our local economy in a meaningful way. In conjunction with popular attractions such as Cedar Point, Kalahari and the Lake Erie Islands, our properties bring visitors to our town and local small businesses. I also support the city and county by collecting taxes that go back into improving our community infrastructure, parks and local services. This SB 104 would greatly improve the efficiency and process for tax remittance while ensuring compliance for all owners.

As a responsible homeowner, businesswoman and member of this community, I am a supporter for the city to monitor and establish guidelines for ensuring safety and the public enjoyment of others, however, I am deeply frustrated that my rights as a property owner are being unfairly restricted with some of the local ordinances and zoning regulations. I understand the desire to regulate nuisances or preserve housing, but outright restrictions punish good actors like myself and remove valuable flexibility. I urge you to support SB 104 because I am proud to be part of something that helps our small town grow while building a better life.

Hello, Chairman and committee members, thank you for taking the time to hear my testimony, My name is Hadley and this is my mom. She is an entrepreneur who worked four jobs to support me. When we moved back to my mom's hometown in Huron to be close to my grandparents, she saw an opportunity—and she took it. She recognized the resources around her and started selling what our little town had to offer: the beautiful lake, Cedar Point just 15 minutes away, cozy local coffee shops, and golden beach sunsets.

By the time I was 10, I knew I wanted to be like my mom—only a newer version. I planned to manage Airbnbs and get a business degree, maybe from here at The Ohio State University...Go Buckeyes! I know it's hard work, but my mom taught me how to handle challenges and keep going.

My mom also started teaching me about economics. I would help clean rentals between guests and take the trash cans to the curb on Monday mornings before school. These may seem like small tasks, but they helped me understand business, responsibility, and the value of hard work.

Turning properties into rentals has brought new people to our town, supported our local economy, and taught people like me—kids—the power of entrepreneurship and thinking outside the box.

My mom and I never imagined this would be our path. She was a struggling single mother who sacrificed money and comfort just so she could work from home and be there for me. These rental properties have helped our small family and strengthened our community.

That's why I insisted on speaking here today. So, for the sake of my future, please, I urge you to take our words into consideration. Thank you and O-H