I have been hosting visitors at my BNB for the past year and a half. The income has given me the extra income needed to send my son to college at Kent State as a full time student to become a Nurse. The extra income has also allowed me to keep my 93-year old mom and 86 year old father at home instead of in a nursing home.

Aside from being financially impacting my family, i have found hosting clients to be emotionally rewarding. Sharing my little cabin on the lake with others and giving them time away from the regular routines of life so been therapeutic to each and every visitor I have had. I have literally had clients crying and saying their time at the cabin was the first time they had felt like they could breathe since the start of COVID. The world is wrapped tight with stresses. We need to take care of each other without it being such a hassle that it isn't worth trying anymore.

I am willing to meet with lawmakers along side other hosts, virtually or in person to share my story. Reading the reviews left by clients will surely help tell the story.

Please support House Bill 563 which would block cities, townships and counties from banning short-term rentals and limit what kinds of regulations locals could put on the rentals.

Thank you for your time and consideration of all those that are trying to work hard on behalf of their families, and also trying to heal this world ravaged by the pandemic.

Sincerely, Kristen Christian