



WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

OPPONENT TESTIMONY

HB 563

March 9, 2022

Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the House State and Local Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to write in opposition of HB 563.

HB 563 would preempt local governments from regulating or prohibiting the use of short-term rental properties. This legislation is a preemption of Home Rule authority and prohibits municipalities from creating necessary regulations that protect the safety and best interests of the residents in each individual community

The ordinances and regulations enacted by a municipality reflect the will of its residents. If a municipality enacts regulations or bans on short term rental properties, then those regulations or bans are a direct reflection of the desires of the members of that city or village. Statewide preemptions such as HB 563 would prevent the residents of a municipality from being able to decide whether local policies regarding short-term rental properties are in the best interest of their own individual community.

The government closest to the people governs best. The preservation of local control is critical because what works for large urban cities does not always work for Ohio's small rural villages. Constitutional Home Rule authority grants the residents of municipalities a voice in deciding what is best for the community they call home. HB 563 is a clear preemption of that constitutional authority and we urge your opposition to this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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