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Good Afternoon,

My name is Chelsea Hicks, and I am the Client and Guest Relations Manager with Bearbnb, LLC. I am a married mom with two boys. I have been with Bearbnb, LLC for almost a year. I left a job, in the medical field, of 6 years to join this team. It has recently been brought to my attention, the conversation that is on the agenda for the City Council meeting scheduled on April 19, 2023, in reference to Short Term Rentals in the Kansas City area, and how it may have a negative effect on my employment.

In my personal opinion I prefer an Airbnb over a chain hotel for many reasons. Most travelers look into short term rentals because they are more appealing as they can have their whole family under one roof. They are able to cook a home cooked meal versus going out to eat. If they bring small children, they have the privacy of a home and the comfort of feeling like being at home. Unfortunately, a maximum guest count of eight, limits our potential. Most of our homes have 4 to 6 bedrooms. Ideally being able to sleep 10 guests would be very considerate. Another goal of short term rentals is to help guests save money, as short term rentals are fully furnished. For example, if you stay in a short term rental, you will have access to a washer and dryer, without having to use, and pay extra for, a public one in a hotel/motel lobby.

Short Term Rentals bring a lot of business to the Kansas City area, and at Bearbnb we have a strict set of rules that allow us to eliminate the amount of potential "issue" guests. One of those rules is, we have a very strict no party, and no gathering rule. With this rule, it helps us eliminate chaos to surrounding neighbors and neighborhoods. We do not allow just anyone to stay in the properties we manage. All guests are screened and checked thoroughly prior to accepting their request to book the property.

At Bearbnb, LLC. We are not a big corporation like Holiday Inn, or another Hotel/Motel chain. We are everyday people, who work hard, and take pride in our jobs. It is our goal to bring as much business to the Kansas City area, and by implementing the many changes at discussion, this could potentially cause us to go out of business, which means all of our employees will have to find new jobs, and this can be very stressful for all of us. I know I do not speak for just myself and my family, when I ask you to please evaluate, and look at all options before making a final decision.

Thank you,
Chelsea Hicks