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Hello to all this may concern,

I am writing to you to hopefully give another prospective on why not to ban short term rentals in Kansas City. My husband and I live in a beautiful home off North Oak. We bought this home 3 years ago in May. We have both lived in the Kansas City are our whole lives, so buying a home in KC Proper was huge for us.

Two days before Christmas, we found ourselves needing a place to stay due to a massive pipe burst that happened in our home because of the freezing temperatures. Our home was labeled a caustrophic event by insurance and uninhabitable. This left my husband, our now 7 month old, our dogs, and myself needing a place to stay. We were lucky to find a short term rental that has served as our home away from home. We are still displaced because this happened to several home owners, so contractors have been backed up and the unescapable woes of dealing with insurance.

If this law had already passed, we would essentially be homeless right now. We are thankful to live in a city that has not passed this law that would kill short term rentals in Kansas City.

Unforuntelty, this is not just effectrting us, but several people who are still displaced due to the freeze. This would harm so many families like us and families who will find themselves in this position whether it is from pipes, a fire, etc. If this ban goes into effect, we will be homeless since our home remains uninhabitable for another month to a month and a half.

Please rethink this ban. This ban goes so much further than just banning rentals. This ban will hurt Kansas City in more ways than one. This will hurt tourism that is growing. Did you know, Johnson County was the most Zillowed place to live? That means a lot of families could be coming through Kansas City to visit/find a place to live. This will also hurt many families that depend on rentals to make money to survive, and families like mine, who would much rather not uproot their home into another home, but there is not another choice.

Thank you for your time,

Trinity Lightfoot