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**To:** [Public Testimony](#)  
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Dear Honorable Members of Kansas City Council,

I write to you today as a concerned citizen and active community member, urging to reconsider the proposed ban on short-term rentals in Kansas City. While I understand that this measure has been suggested in response to concerns regarding housing availability and neighborhood disturbances, I believe that a complete ban on short-term rentals would negatively impact our local economy, residents and potential visitors especially with all the massive events coming up like the FIFA World Cup.

Having said that, short-term rentals have become an important part of our city's tourism industry. They provide unique and affordable accommodation options for travelers, helping to attract visitors to contribute to our local economy through spending at shops, restaurants, venues and attractions. By banning short-term rentals, we risk undermining the growth and sustainability of our tourism sector.

Also, many KC residents rely on the income generated by renting their properties on a short-term basis. For some, this income has been vital in helping them stay in their homes and cover essential expenses. A ban would directly impact these individuals, potentially leading to financial hardship and displacement.

Lastly, rather than banning short-term rentals outright, a more measured approach could address the concerns raised. This may include stricter regulations, enforcement of existing ordinances, and collaboration with platforms like Airbnb to ensure that property owners are held accountable for their guests' behavior.

I urge you to consider the far-reaching implications of banning short-term rentals in Kansas City, and instead, seek a balanced solution that preserves the economic and social benefits these rentals bring, while addressing the concerns of the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
Sincerely,

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