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Honorable counsel and mayor,

My name is Kevin Kirk and I reside at 6825 NW Dawn Ln, Kansas City, MO 64151. I am writing with concern to short term rentals / airbnb. My wife and I have resided or worked in Kansas City since 2009. I am a technician for ATT and my wife is a Master Social Worker for a non profit tasked with assisting pregnant mothers with gathering parenting resources and educational training. We were recently able to purchase our first home. I say all of this because we struggled to find a home, struggled to buy one, were outbid 12 times despite being over asking prices, before, finally winning a bid. We even were reaching a point where we were looking for rentals and found how few were big enough to accommodate our family.

We do not need more short term rentals in this city. In fact, I personally don't see how people holding on to multiple houses does anything to help with the current housing crisis. However, if we must have these, the city should regulate them as strict or stricter than hotels. Perhaps we could have a tax dedicated to provide housing or home buying assistance to families in need? If we must have this cancer, at least let it help someone in need.

Thank you,
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