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Hello,

My name is Tyler Shirk. I own BearBnB short term rental management. We have been doing business in KC for 6 years and I'm a life long native to KC.

I am very concerned with the current situation going on with STR. I am asking you to atleast read my email please. This effects my family and 35 employees families that I employ in KC.

We manage over 80 airbnbs in the kc metro. 30 something of them being in kcmo. We have done so for 6 years with zero issues. We screen every single guest, we do not rent to anyone under 25, we have 3 night minimums to ensure parties or trafficking does not happen. We go above and beyond to be good partners in the community.

We have jumped through every single hoop that has been laid out in front of us. We want to work with the city and the neighbors but there is a lot of inaccuracies going around and I'm asking you to please consider our situation before making a decision that will destroy my company.

We have tried to get every single unit permitted, we've submitted them and are still waiting on several, the neighbors refusing to sign make it almost impossible and they are uninformed about what we are doing. This leads to them refusing to sign no matter what. We have security cameras, noise monitoring devices, we even have a device that tells us how many cell phones are on the property. We take this very seriously. We give the neighbors our phone number to call me if there's ever an issue we resolve it immediately.

We're not some faceless company from California looking to make a buck off our city. We all live here. We all make our living with this. Half of my staff and my wife are minorities who don't have a lot of opportunities as is. We just want a fair shake. We just want the entire story to be told. We just want to be able to make a living and not be shut down due to untruths.

85% of the time we're hosting local families who are going through a remodel or had a fire or water damage or a domestic situation or have family in town for holidays etc. and want to stay in their community. We're hosting doctors and nurses and construction workers coming to work in our city. Two years ago we hosted an afghan refugee family who helped our troops by being translators and then were persecuted by the taliban.

There is a need for STR's in KC and if you give me a fair opportunity I can show you. All of the airbnbs in kc make up less than 1% of available housing. We are not causing a housing shortage nor are we a nuisance in the neighborhood.

If any of you would be willing to give me the time to talk to you I would appreciate it greatly. I have many scared employees and I'm very worried myself about my business it took me six years to build. I came from nothing. I grew up poor and lived in my truck. I was able to build a good life for myself and now it's being threatened and I am very concerned. Please don't destroy our business. We want to work together.

Regards,  
Tyler Shirk