From: Brenda Eslinger

To: Hall, Heather; ONeill, Kevin; Loar, Teresa; Justis, Amy; Ellington, Brandon; Robinson, Melissa; Shields, Katheryn;

Bunch, Eric; Barnes, Lee; Parks-Shaw, Ryana; Bough, Andrea; McManus, Kevin; Platt, Brian; Lucas, Quinton;

Public Testimony

Cc: Rob Eslinger
Subject: Airbnb Ban

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 8:52:51 PM

Dear Kansas City leaders

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed ban on all Airbnbs in Kansas City. I believe this ban is being pushed by political forces and the hotel industry's lobbyists, rather than being driven by the best interests of the citizens of Kansas City.

As you are aware, Airbnb gives regular homeowners and small investors a fantastic opportunity to build wealth. By opening up their homes to travelers, these individuals can earn additional income and make ends meet in an increasingly challenging economic climate. This is particularly important for those who may not have access to the same financial resources as larger corporations.

I urge you to consider the impact that this ban will have on the average citizen of Kansas City. By preventing people from renting out their homes, you are effectively lining the pockets of large corporations with nationwide hotel chains, rather than supporting the rights of your own constituents.

I believe that we, as citizens of Kansas City, should have the right to decide what we do with our properties. We should not be subject to the whims of powerful lobbyists or political forces. Our voices deserve to be heard, regardless of whether or not we have the resources of these lobbyists.

I implore you to listen to the voices of your constituents and reject this proposed ban on Airbnbs in Kansas City. The meeting on 4/19 is a critical moment for our community, and I urge you to attend and make your voices heard. We need your help to prevent disastrous policies that will negatively impact the average citizen.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely

Rob & Brenda Eslinger