

**Interested Party Statement to the
Ohio House State and Local Government Committee
for House Bill 563 • May 10, 2022**

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Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly and members of the House State and Local Government Committee, on behalf of the Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association (OHLA), I thank you for the opportunity to submit a statement as an interested party regarding House Bill 563.

Our organization represents professionals and businesses throughout the lodging industry. This includes our Unique Lodging of Ohio council, which represents small and independent lodging operators throughout the state. Many of these business owners utilize short-term rental platforms as an essential part of their marketing and their business strategy.

OHLA is not in favor of outright bans of any certain type of lodging business. We believe it is critical for local jurisdictions to provide appropriate oversight and regulation of short-term rentals, and have consistently worked to provide helpful, positive and specific input in that regard.

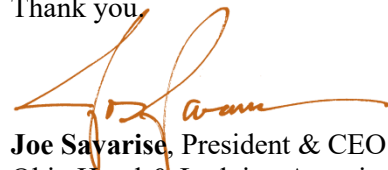
Our members also feel one of the most important aspects of this growing business sector that must be addressed is the issue of parity in taxation. Short-term rentals should be subject to the same sales and lodging taxes as other types of transient accommodations and should work in good faith to comply with any efforts to update state and local codes to recognize this need.

OHLA feels House Bill 563 is an opportunity to ensure that taxation is clearly defined and prioritized in how short-term rentals are conducted in Ohio. We have discussed this with the sponsors and proponents, and are committed to finding mutually beneficial solutions.

We note that House Bill 563 contains important provisions which protect local oversight of aspects such as health, safety, nuisance issues, operational aspects and more. Maintaining the protection for the ability of local governments to implement appropriate oversight is critical and a prerequisite for possible support.

Our organization has not yet taken a formal position on this legislation, pending further progress on addressing issues of taxation.

Thank you



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