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Andrew Poitras
Manager of the Decision Making Process

I am writing to lend my support for short term rental operators in the city of Winnipeg. We are a family that has traveled extensively across the United States and Canada and often rely on air bnb's or vrbo's to meet our overnight stay requirements. We travel, almost always with our family and three dogs and short term rentals are the best solution for our particular needs. One of the great things about these accommodations is that they are self regulating. We get to grade our host and they get to grade us!! When you travel with multiple dogs, it is very hard to find accommodations that are affordable and that provide easy access to outdoor space in a safe environment. We appreciate this option and we treat everyone's home as exactly that. . .their home. The places we have stayed, you can tell that the people take pride in what they do and the place they are providing for guests. The short term rental experience has provided us with not just a place to stay but most have recommendations for places to eat or where to go for shopping. Many that are pet friendly even list walking trails, emergency vet care and the like. They want you to like their home but also their city. For anyone who wants to visit a place and see what the locals do and where they enjoy, short term rentals do a great job in promoting what is special about their area.
For our part, we follow the house rules. We bring kennels for the dogs for if or when we need to leave them. We use the outdoor space provided for them and we clean up after they do their business. It is a point of pride to be invited back. Short term rentals fill a void that cannot be replicated by a hotel. Very thankful for the ones we have stayed in from Florida to Manitoba and all across the midwest..

Sincerely,

Jacqui Lepp