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Item 5 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development dated April 5, 2022 regarding Regulating Short-Term Rentals

Dear Honourable Mayor, City council members

Thank you for your time and consideration.

I am writing in regard to the STR standing committee report, i have several questions that I am hoping be ask or considered

Have any local business been ask about the impact of STR's in the area? Mine are mostly in the Osborne Village, Osborne South and Corydon Avenue area. Should not the local business owners be asked their thoughts, as they are also part of the community. The hotel industry does not service this area, but we do have Rooming Houses, Hostels and Transition House

What is the definition of Short-Term Rental?

What is the difference between Hotel, Hostels, Rooming Houses, Bed and Breakfast, transition house? Should they all not be govern under similar rules.

this is a quote from the hotel association of Canada.

'Despite the rising number of reported incidents over the last decade, human trafficking remains largely underreported and unnoticed, due in part to its deceptive nature. In fact, hotels and motels are at the frontlines of human trafficking. Often, human trafficking networks operate through legitimate businesses such as hotels to undertake their operations. Specifically, human traffickers use hotel and motel rooms to set up encounters between victims of sex and their purchasers. Labour trafficking is also present in the hotel industry's workforce and supply chain.'

Should there employees not be then subject to criminal background checks as well,

Why did the committee look at mainly at cities that took a hard stand against STR rather than cities of similar size, ie Regina, Hamilton? There is little in similarity of Toronto and Vancouver to Winnipeg. They failed to mention the surrounding areas have taken a less draconian measures when dealing with STR.

It is troubling that the standing committee used the word gold standard when referring to the Toronto bylaws, this is the same term that the Hotel association has used.

It is a bad message when lobbyist have a say in drafting regulations that stifle competition,

I have contacted the Competition Bureau of Canada The

Competition Bureau is an independent law enforcement agency that advocates for and protects Canadian consumers and works to foster a competitive and innovative marketplace in which Canadian businesses can prosper.

In conclusion all the Short Term Rentals owners are looking for is to be treated equally with others who run similar if not the same operation as hotels, hostels, Rooming House , Transition Houses ETC.

I have not been contacted by anyone from the city in regards to STR but look forward to hearing from someone

Thank you for Consideration

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