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Comments in writing: To whom is may concern,

I have been paying very close attention to the debate regarding short term rentals. I am shocked to see the city considering the shut down of such a great service. I would like to share my perspective as an air bnb user, as a citizen of the city of Winnipeg, and as a member of the law enforcement community.

As I continue observing, I see a large involvement from the hotel association. It is apparent that they feel threatened by having to compete with everyday Winnipeggers, which is why they have been so aggressive in requesting for regulations that would shut down the short term rental market here in Winnipeg. I am just shocked that several of the councillors are actually in full agreement with big American business to shut the little guys down. I am certain common ground can be found between city council and responsible hosts, and the city can work with these short term rental hosts to make things better for the community, and the consumers, instead of appeasing the big American corporations.

As a member of law enforcement, it is very difficult finding safe and secure accommodations for me and my family. Every time we travel, we use air bnb, as the homes offer more privacy and security than hotels. A quick google search of Winnipeg hotels will display a long list of murders, assaults and other violent crimes that occur regularly in Winnipeg at any one of the hotels in the downtown area. If I were to be looking to live on a short term basis in Winnipeg I would utilize air bnb first to find the appropriate accommodations for myself and my family.

Next summer, Winnipeg will act as host to the World Police and Fire games, and many of my counterparts feel the same way about the contrast in accommodations between many of the hotels and air bnbs in Winnipeg. It is expected that the city will have approximately 12,000 visitors next summer for the games alone, and I am certain that the majority of these competitors will be looking at using air bnb

for accommodations, as hotels are ill-equipped to handle the needs of most athletes, especially those who are members of the law enforcement community.

I urge city council to do the right thing, and work with the hosts, encourage positive community development, growth of our economy, and to have the short term rental market available for consumers.

Respectfully,

Patrick Lowe