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Comments in writing: First of all is a consumer I would much rather stay in a private home space as opposed to a hotel. Amenities and space are invaluable with children and pets especially if there is a market for it.

Worst of all in my opinion is the primary residence section of this proposal you are discussing. As a business I do not want to have to run it out of my home, I would rather run it on an external site. To be able to limit scale and potential for current and future operators of this now entirely legal and valid business model is truly unfortunate in a capitalist and democratic society. This reeks of big hotel lobbying and seems entirely unnecessary. Bringing gentrification and home improvement to better host guests from out of town is unfortunate. Between short term insurance and insurance provided on the apps for short term rentals the protection and safety of guests and hosts is maintained.

The city council appears to have left out any consideration to the positive economic impact short term rentals have on Winnipeg.

As well, short term rentals enable visitors to explore sectors of the city not otherwise speckled with hotels. This is a boost for local business and not just hotel cluster sections of the city.

Eliminating Short Term furnished homes will have a direct and long term effect on Winnipeg for years to come and this should be considered before jumping right into strict regulation that reduces the ability to attract new workers or visitors to Winnipeg region.

It is my opinion that our city should not be passing up the revenue generating opportunity of the proposed accommodation tax either.

For these reasons I can not support the regulations. Especially if the plan is to follow itself as written.

Mathew Bowen