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Dear Honourable Mayor, Executive Policy Committee

Thank you for your time and consideration.

I have several concerns about recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee

No one from the Short-Term Rental community was interviewed in proceedings nor were any of the business of Osborne Village, South Osbourne or Corydon Village who are directly affected by STR's

the study determined that travelers who use Airbnb enjoy longer stays, spend more money in the cities they visit, and bring income to less-touristed neighborhoods.

Airbnb guests stay an average of 5.5 days and spend $1,045 during their stay on food, shopping and transportation, compared to hotel guests who stay an average of 3.5 days and spend $840.

My Short-Term Rentals have been operating for 7 years with full knowledge of all level's government, as they have been used by all levels of government as well. I am not sure when I went from being a good thing to house nurses during covid to being a bad thing.

Will my Short Term Rental be grandfathered because the city allowed me to operate and use my services.

Why is the Standing Policy Committee worried more about my guest but not the transition house of Stoney Mountain Penitentiary that is located 2 houses away.

Local governments have an obligation to safeguard and protect the interests of the public. Through regulations, they can decide whether or not to ban the operations of any company. However, companies also have rights that local governments ought to uphold.

Before banning a company, the adverse effects need to surpass the greater good. Local governments should weigh the benefits a company has against its harmful effects. They also need to look further and see if these adverse effects can be mitigated

Does STR benefit the government and the residents? The answer to this question is a big YES.

STRs has also created a boom in local and international tourism, increasing taxes for the government. It has employed thousands of workers in different parts of the world. Additionally, the agency acts as a trustworthy tax collector for the government.

Can we mitigate the challenges brought by STR? Absolutely. Through proper and fair regulations, local governments can mitigate the challenges caused by Airbnb.

The benefits of home-sharing and short-term rentals cannot be overlooked. Cities and local governments should understand that completely banning short-term rentals is not the way to go. Allowing tourists to access convenient and affordable accommodation for less than 30 days is a significant step that boosts local and international tourism.

The City of Regina, Calgary and Hamilton serves as an excellent example that is ready to mitigate the flaws and enjoy the significant benefits of STR. Through fair regulations, the city has collaborated with Airbnb to boost tourism, employment and revenue collection.

Through technology, several cities have been able to oversee and regulate short-term renting. Cities in Saskatchewan and Alberta have successfully utilized technology to enjoy compliance and growth in revenue collection. These cities have also outlined workable regulations for hosts and tourists that have been quite successful.

. **The answer is to manage and implement fair laws that allow STR to operate legally and impartially.**