To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to lend my support to Melanie Mitchell and other short term rental operators in the city of Winnipeg. With aging parents living in the city, my husband and I have travelled back and forth to the Winnipeg from Toronto on two separate occasions during the pandemic. We had to quarantine for 2 weeks both times. Staying in one of Melanie's properties allowed us to live and work for those periods of time in a neigborhood that was close to my mother. We are able to cook, do laundry, and feel "at home" for a month at a time which not only saved us money, but gave us a sense of normalcy during a stressful time. My mother is now moving to Toronto and is very much looking forward to visiting her friends once or twice a year. Staying in a house or an apartment will allow her to be close to her community and have friends over to visit.

I believe strongly that short term rentals are a huge benefit for anyone with relatives and friends living in another city. It is a cost effective alternative to hotels and it creates a much more "homey' feel for guests.

Sincerely,

Joanna Cotton