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To our representatives,

I'm writing as a constituent to express concern about the proposed bill to classify homes used for short-term rentals as commercial property.

While oversight is important, this approach would create real harm for both homeowners and the local economy. Many short-term rentals are owned by residents who rely on the income to offset rising costs. Reclassifying these homes as commercial would increase taxes, insurance, and regulatory burdens to a level that forces many to stop participating.

This would reduce tourism-driven spending that supports local businesses, reduce home values, and place disproportionate pressure on individual homeowners rather than larger operators. It also fails to distinguish between full-scale commercial lodging and occasional home rentals.

I encourage you to pursue more targeted solutions that address concerns without harming residents or the broader community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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