

Dear Representative Cortvriend,

My wife and I are both retired and on fixed income. We added an ADU to our home in 2005 to house my elderly parents. When my mom passed away in 2018 we decided to turn the ADU into a STR. With the extra space and additional taxes we thought it an appropriate use for the unit. We are so happy we did it. We've met many wonderful people and the extra income has allowed us to remain in our home despite significant tax increases. We feel we provide a great service to those who need different types of accommodations. In the summer months we rent mostly to sell families and couples, while in the off season we rent to travel nurses and military personal going to school in Newport. Without STRs there would not be enough housing for our military and traveling Healthcare workers. Without the extra income we would probably have to sell our home. We are not taking housing away from anyone and are supporting the local economy. All STRs are not created equal please use a common sense approach when deciding on new regulations so as not to harm our livelihood and we can continue to provide a much needed service, and remain in our home.

Thanks,
GILBERT STRINGER