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Dear Kansas City Neighborhood Planning & Development Committee,

I am writing to express my concern about the growth of short-term rentals in our city.

As a resident of this city, I am deeply invested in the well-being of our neighborhoods. I believe that short-term rentals can have a negative impact on the character and livability of our communities.

For one, short-term rentals can lead to an increase in noise and traffic in residential areas. This can disrupt the peace and quiet that many of us value in our homes.

Moreover, short-term rentals can often be a source of nuisance and disturbance for neighbors, especially if they are not properly managed. The constant turnover of guests can also create a sense of transience in our neighborhoods, which can undermine the sense of community and connectedness that we strive for.

On a personal level, I have experienced this noise and nuisance with an Airbnb on my own block. Since I have moved to my house, the Airbnb on my block has been the site of several disruptive bachelorette parties. Every weekend, large groups of people arrive with balloons, decorations, and alcohol, and proceed to party until the early hours of the morning. The noise is loud and occasionally wakes up my family and other neighbors. We worry that the constant influx of strangers may be a security risk, and that it is creating an unsafe environment for our families.

I understand that short-term rentals can be a source of income for property owners, and that they can help to support tourism in our city. However, I believe that these benefits must be balanced against the potential costs to our neighborhoods.

Considering these concerns, I urge you to take a cautious and measured approach to the growth of short-term rentals in Kansas City. I hope that you will carefully consider the impact that these rentals can have on our communities, and that you will work to ensure that they are properly regulated and managed.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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