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To who it may concern,

I hope your day is going well, it has been brought to my attention that at the 1pm meeting the question of Airbnb's in KC is up for discussion.

I am a mom, a nurse, and a middle class family here in Kansas City, I hope you can take a few minutes to hear about how Airbnb has benefited myself and other families like mine here in Kansas city.

I think it's important to consider how Airbnb's in KC could be bringing in an additional \$12mil in taxes to the city when properly register, and be asking, "why are owners having difficulty registering?" Also, the lack of short term housing in KC, and how this will be exasterbated with a number of large new developments coming to KC (for example, the building of the Meta fb construction in the northland).

I personally believe that with responsible hosting, and more energy put into helping owners become properly registered (as it typically takes 1 year or more to obtain a certification), Airbnb has a lot to give back to KC.

I also think it is important to note that many airbnb travelers into residential areas are families with children, who want more space for comfortable getaways or homes away from home while visiting family in town. I know personally it is much easier at 7pm with a 3 yr old with the zoomies to be able to relax in a house (a personal quiet space) while my son goes crazy, instead of trying to restrain him to a bed in a hotel room with some activity.

I've hosted in KC for the past 7 years, from stays in my guest rooms in my home, to managing our own rentals.

Throughout covid, Airbnb substituted my husband's and my income during tough times. It has also been a blessing during my medical leave of absence from work during postpartum times for both my sons when my work would not support me.

Airbnb had opened doors for us to invest in real estate, without having to accumulate significant wealth up front for investment. This has really changed my families financial sperspectives, and I am excited to say we have already bought a property as an investment for our first son down the road. We now have plans secure a second investment home for our son who will be joining us next month.

Over the last 2 years, we have also helped 4 other families (friends of ours, and friends of friends), get started in real-estate using airbnb as a stepping stone.

Responsible hosting is of course important, and my husband and I have found that involving neighbors in the hosting process, setting a 3 night minimum stay requirement, and vetting local reservations (then canceling appropriately), have been simple steps that protect neighborhoods from unwanted short term stays.

I hope you will consider these few things today, and know that Airbnb makes a huge difference to many local families income.

Best wishes,
Liz Jordan