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Good morning,

It has come to my attention you are planning to make significant changes to the laws governing Airbnb/VRBO type rentals in Kansas City.

While I understand the significant responsibility you have balancing the scales for multiple issues and concerns for the people of Kansas City, I do ask that you take time to consider those who will be negatively impacted by your upcoming decisions.

First, the owners of these properties. For some, these properties provide an opportunity to put food on the table and clothes on their backs. They aren't getting rich, they are just trying to do better. They have a vested interest in the properties and community as it directly impacts their business.

Next, the tourist visiting Kansas City. They want the full experience of what life in KC is like, not the hotel version. These rentals allow families to travel with affordable accommodations, comfortably stay, and really enjoy all that KC living has to offer.

Then there are those like myself. I have been serving the country for the last 20 years and as my family has grown, coming back to visit gets more expensive and challenging from a logistics standpoint. Airbnb/VRBO rentals make coming home easier and more affordable. We don't necessarily want to stay near tourist attractions and love the option of staying in a neighborhood or community especially if it's close to family. This allows us to host get together without additional travel/arrangements and maximum the limited time we have with our families back home.

Again, understanding you have to balance the many needs across the city, I simply ask that you reconsider some of your resolutions and seek input from these business owners to come to more equitable solutions to address concerns on both sides of the issue.

I appreciate your time and hope you take a moment to consider the impacts this decision will make for the people of Kansas City and those who love it.

Melissa Riddick