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Honorable KC City Council Members:

I wanted to reach out to you as you thoughtfully consider the extreme restrictions that are being discussed for short term rentals.

You all are educated. I don't see the need in explaining how vital STR's are to the city and our local economy. I also don't think I need to discuss how difficult it is to get a license. What I would like to discuss is how this affects people and families. People that live in KC, and people that travel to KC. Let me tell you my story.

I lost my IT job in December. I'm helping my daughter through Vet school, and I am a single Mom. One of the ways I chose to replace part of my salary was through Airbnb. I purchased an investment property in November. Prior to purchasing I applied for a STR license, and was denied. I quickly noticed all the other functioning non-licensed listings, and acknowledged the lack of compliance.

I worked for 6 months restoring a mid-century home north of the river. I've invested nearly all of my savings in this home. I'm not rich by any stretch of the imagination, just a single Mom trying to provide.

My first guests moved in in late March of this year. I was struck by the new Mom telling me how glad she was to be in a "home" with her new baby, as her husband was working here for 2 months. She could make her own baby food, and sit outside as her baby sleeps.

I've NEVER felt so much satisfaction at any other job in my life. I thought to myself "this is for me, I'm not just improving a neighborhood, I'm making a difference in someone's life".

I became very excited about the difference I could make going forward, not just in our local economy but to many future guests.

In summary, this isn't just about money, this is about people. I will be forced to sell this house, as I can't make it cash flow with a LT tenant. What do I tell my daughter about her plans to go to vet school? What families that are planning on coming to KC will not be able to stay in a comfortable place like mine?

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Jennifer Lund
Just a single Mom trying to make a living