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Dear City Council Member / city official,

Thank you for your service to Kansas City and the residents and citizens who live in your jurisdiction. As an office with authority, and as that authority affects the lives of many people, I write to you a request for consideration : to empower the average citizen , instead of the corporations.

It is being said that the city council is on the verge of banning all airbnb business in Kansas City. Here is why that is concerning: economic equality for all citizens is a natural right.

Airbnb gives home owners and small business owners a real opportunity to build wealth. Small business is the certain backbone of the middle class, which is essential to a free and healthy economy.

We don't want to build up and further empower large corporations with nationwide hotel chains. We want to build up and empower the average citizen.*

This creates leverage and equality for the citizen. This is true economic equal ground, which is in principle the meaning of the "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" right which we are all endowed with, in the natural rights of man.

It is our natural right to decide what we do with our own properties. It is our natural, inalienable right to make income for our families as equals. America is founded upon the idea that all men are created equal, and should be treated under law as such. No one, regardless of status, is to be elevated above others in practice or in theory, because American law is justice for all, equality for every person, under the law.

Preserve the rights of the people, and preserve freedom for the future of our nation. Do not suppress the rights duly granted to us by our Constitution, Bill of rights, and common natural law. Use your granted powers and voice to uphold the rights of the common citizen , and cause those who would force men with less power and money to be silenced by removing the right to compete. We must all retain the right to compete . Equality for the people is only preserved when the judges, officials, council, and leaders have the courage to say no to bribes and threats. We rely on you to have that courage.

We are Trusting that you will stand up for us, the common citizen.

Sincerely,
Crystal Stafford