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I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition to the new regulations being considered for Short Term Rental properties within our city. While I understand the importance of regulation and the need to address issues surrounding property management, I believe that these new rules may inadvertently affect responsible property owners, like myself, and hinder the growth and prosperity of our community.

As a proud homeowner of a beautiful historical property, near downtown, I have had the privilege of being a part of this community for several years. My property has not only been well-maintained but also received no complaints from our neighbors. This is not just a matter of personal pride; it speaks to the responsible management of my property and the positive impact it has had on our neighborhood's aesthetics and overall charm.

Furthermore, I want to highlight that I have been actively contributing to the city's revenue through occupancy taxes by offering my historical home on Airbnb. This additional revenue is a direct benefit to our city, helping to support various local initiatives and infrastructure development. I believe that Short Term Rental hosts, like myself, can play a vital role in strengthening our local economy, especially in the wake of recent challenges.

While I appreciate the need for regulation to address issues related to landlords and dilapidated properties, I urge the city council to consider a more balanced and nuanced approach. A one-size-fits-all approach to regulations may inadvertently penalize responsible property owners who have invested their time, energy, and resources into maintaining and sharing their homes.

I am more than willing to engage in discussions, provide input, and cooperate with the city council to find solutions that address the concerns about property management without unduly impacting responsible Short Term Rental hosts. Together, we can strike a balance that ensures a thriving community while addressing the challenges we face.

I kindly request that you, and the other council members, take my concerns into consideration when discussing and implementing these new regulations. I believe that by working collaboratively, we can ensure that the rules in place benefit our city as a whole, promote responsible hosting, and preserve the unique character and charm that our community offers.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to a constructive dialogue on this matter.

Sincerely,

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