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To: Ledell Zellers <ledell.zellers@gmail.com>
Subject: Support Short-Term Rentals in Madison! Vote No on Ordinance 58895

Hi Plan Commission Member Ledell Zellers,

My name is Katie, and I am a Madison resident, voter, taxpayer, and Airbnb host.

I started sharing my home back in June 2019, and it has been one of the best experiences. I introduce people from out-of-town to the place I love to live and give them a personal experience! Because I share my home where I live, I take great care in providing a unique experience for each and every person.

Every guest that I have had in my home has been respectful and leaves it better than they found it. It troubles me that short-term renters are looked at as more of a nuisance than a benefit.

I ask that the Plan Commission and the Common Council respect my privacy and the privacy of my guests when it comes to sharing personal information or inspecting my home.

In addition, I ask that the Plan Commission and the Common Council rethink the proposed registration fee. Madison hosts already pay the applicable City and State administered sales and rooms taxes for our listings. A registration fee is an unnecessary addition. Similarly, the paperwork that would be required under the proposed ordinance is unnecessary and burdensome.

I support light-touch regulations that don't unnecessarily compromise privacy, curtail property rights, or unduly burden small businesses, entrepreneurs, and everyday Madisonians. Because the city already has effective noise and nuisance regulations to keep our neighborhoods safe and livable, Ordinance 58895 is not needed. Please reconsider the proposal. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Katie Wedvick