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To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Re: Proposed Tourist Rooming House ordinance will hurt Madison's attraction to potential residents and economy

Members of the Plan Commission,

I recently learned from my friends, who I met while staying at their Tourist Rooming House, of harsh and expensive new requirements that will greatly reduce the ability of people like myself to visit and experience Madison. I also learned that these regulations were developed with no input from licensed TRH operators. I want to share my experience visiting and then moving to Madison in the hope that you go back to the drawing table and develop reasonable TRH regulations with a stakeholder group that are comparable to Madison's peer cities.

I first visited Madison as a guest of a TRH in 2018 and was warmly welcomed and introduced to so many different parts of this city. I returned multiple times and stayed in the area where I wanted to move and my hosts provided me with many more resources and advice than I could ever get at a traditional hotel. But if this ordinance passes, I was surprised to learn that potential hosts will pay over \$650 to get licensed and nearly \$300 a year, which is actually more than a 30 room hotel!

Now that I live in Madison I look forward to continuing my involvement in improving this city for everyone. I attended a charity viewing of a documentary on clean water with my host when staying at their house and now that I am a resident I have become a volunteer with the River Alliance! I urge you to consider my experience and those like me when making changes to the TRH ordinance. In short, I urge you to reject this proposal and work with all members of the community in drafting reasonable regulations. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,
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