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To: Senator Grohoski, Representative Perry, Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation

**Testimony in Opposition to LD 1893,**

**“An Act To Allow A Municipality to Impose A Fee On Short-Term Rentals For the Benefit of that Municipality”**

I am writing to express my strong opposition to LD 1893 which seeks to allow a municipality to impose a fee on short-term rentals for its own benefit. While I understand the importance of local revenue generation, I believe that this proposed legislation raises significant concerns that need careful consideration.

Firstly, imposing an additional fee on short-term rentals may disproportionately burden individuals and families who rely on such accommodations for various reasons, including travel for business, medical treatment, or family visits. Such fees could lead to increased costs for visitors without necessarily contributing to the well-being of the community.

Moreover, the proposed legislation lacks clarity on how the funds generated through these fees will be utilized for the benefit of the municipality. Without a transparent and accountable mechanism in place, there is a risk that these funds might not be used efficiently or for purposes that truly align with the community's needs.

I also urge consideration of the potential impact on the local economy. Short-term rentals often play a vital role in supporting local businesses, such as restaurants, shops, and services, as visitors contribute to the overall economic activity of the area. Introducing additional fees could discourage tourism and negatively affect the livelihoods of small businesses.

In conclusion, while I recognize the need for municipalities to generate revenue, I believe that LD 1893 may not be the most equitable or effective solution. I urge you to reconsider the

potential ramifications of this legislation on both visitors and the local economy and explore alternative approaches that balance the interests of the community and those who contribute to its vibrancy.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this matter. I appreciate your dedication to the well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

Alison Courtois  
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