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From: Karen Wheat <evita.properties02809@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 2:52 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H8183 - legislation to increase the tax on short term rentals by an additional 5%

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to you in opposition of the proposed legislation to be heard this week. As a short term rental host in the town of Bristol, RI I believe the increase of tax will impede visitors to the area, due to these rising costs. Any increase in taxes will be offset by increased nightly rates. We will price ourselves out of the short term rental market, thereby reducing income overall to our town and businesses.

I implore you to wait until the study is done - Commission on Short Term Rentals, before acting on this bill.

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Sincerely,
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