

Hello,

I strongly oppose bill H8212, which would grant cities and towns the authority to severely limit and cripple the state's short-term rental industry through aggressive permitting processes, exorbitant fees, intrusive inspections, and burdensome reporting mandates. Enacting this legislation would damage local and statewide economies, jeopardizing the viability of small businesses and the livelihoods of employees who rely on income from these rental properties. Furthermore, the passage of this bill would empower municipalities to wield an alarming degree of control over who can and can't live and visit their town, encroaching upon the fundamental property rights of owners. It is an attack on the owner's property rights as well.

Thank you,  
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