

LU Committee

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Dear Land Use Committee –

I respectfully submit this testimony in support of **most of** the bill [bill LU-10](#). **But, the portion that prohibits accessory dwelling use as B&B's or STR's should be removed.**

There already is a cap on the number of B&B and STR permits granted. This is the control on short-term rental proliferation. The idea of banning all short-term rental use on all accessory dwellings only serves to hamper the existing, long discussed and vetted short term rental program we have now. That program, by the way, is the model for other counties in the state.

So, though it's somewhat cliché: For us to forget history and how we got here, how we forged the existing short-term rental program through compromise and much discussion, will doom us to repeating history. That history was the dark ages where we made blanket bans, which hurt our economy, hurt our workers, hurt the reputation of the County and caused us to talk about a realistic program to regulate and monitor short term rentals in the first place.

Thank you for your consideration and your service –
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