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Dear Chair Mayor John Tory and Members, Executive Committee

RE: EX26.3 Proposed Regulations for Short-term Rentals for Consultation

This is to express our strong support for the City's proposal to develop and consult regarding short-term rentals in the City of Toronto, with an important consideration being community stability. The proposed regulations to restrict the practice to owner occupied residences, and to make them subject to taxation, appear to be appropriate intervention measures.

The rapid growth of short-term rentals in recent times through Airbnb and similar platforms has been positive for many residents, and businesses, especially in the tourist industry, however there is increasing awareness of negative impacts such as noise, public nuisance, littering, and waste management, and other indications of declining community stability associated with excessive and unregulated practice of short-term rentals.

Resident associations are increasingly aware of these issues and concerns, and desire to be part of the consultation.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours truly,

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