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As a short term rental operator I am writing to support the zoning changes which in turn would allow hosts to legally operate in most of the city. With short term rentals I am able to bring more tourism into the city which ultimately leads to revenue. Furthermore, the taxes paid by the guests is tax money for the city. Short term rentals provide a home away from home, a different experience for guests. These experiences cause other guests to want to try it too, thus bringing more people to the DC area and more revenue. The revenue I am able to generate by sharing my space helps me financially, which is quite necessary in this area which has such a high cost of living. Short term rentals also provide job opportunities for cleaning and other services associated with hosting guests. I am asking that our livelihoods as short term rental operators is considered and the zoning changes are made to help us continue to operate.

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