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The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille
Councilmember
Richmond City Council
Executive Offices
Richmond City Hall
900 E. Broad Street
Suite 305
Richmond, VA 23219

Re: Proposed Ordinance to permit short-term rentals (Ordinance No. 2019-343)

Dear Councilmember Newbille:

I thank you for your recent postponement of Ordinance No. 2019-343 before you regarding Short-Term Rentals. Today I have written to Planning & Development Review to schedule meetings that will involve a small group of STR operators with PDR. It is our hope that PDR will help in facilitating these meetings as a way of understanding and adjusting the current proposal so that all concerned parties may find common ground to proceed.

As one of the representatives of the STR Operator community I am fully aware of the need for proper and enforceable regulation on STRs. I also believe that these operations should be taxed fairly and that no STR should be operating illegally or in the dark.

STRs have coexisted with Richmond residents for the last five years. There is opportunity for both groups to continue coexisting in the future. In order for this to happen both sides must communicate with each other. Therefore, I am humbly requesting that proper time be allowed to resolve this issue. Allow us the time to get it right.

On March 9, 2020 this proposal will be before you again. At which time it is my hope that Planning & Development Review will have agreed upon a series of meetings to occur. Please consider allowing us a reasonable time to conclude those meetings.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 804-938-3736 with any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you!

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