

Subject: Statement: DCSTRA fights to protect future of vacation rentals in the District

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Greetings,

This afternoon, the D.C. City Council released a proposal that would hinder vacation rental owners from renting out their property and prohibit whole-home vacation rental accommodations in the District. Such a policy would damage the livelihoods of vacation rental owners and the innovative local economy that D.C. has worked to foster for decades.

In response, the D.C. Short-Term Rental Alliance expressed their concern for this burdensome policy.

“As stated in our letter to Council, DCSTRA is shaken by this taxing proposal that would put local families out of business and force this industry underground. We are concerned that the deep pocketed hotel interests are dictating the policy of actual citizens who have operated legally in the city for years. This bill would effectively ban vacation rentals from operating by only allowing primary residences to participate in short-term rentals.

With more than 20 million people visiting the District each year, eliminating this important accommodation option will hurt local families and small businesses that rely on short-term rentals to stay afloat. We will continue to fight to protect the future of vacation rentals in the District and the livelihoods of the thousands of District residents who rely on income from short-term rentals.”

If you have any questions or would like to speak with a DCSTRA Co-chair about this important issue please contact karl@DCSTRA.org. Our letter to Council is attached here.

Additional information: The [DC Short-Term Rental Alliance](#) advocates for property rights and supports common sense regulation for short-term and vacation rentals in Washington, D.C. We value the economic, social, and community benefits that this opportunity presents and want to see the District of Columbia embrace and lead in this growth area.