

Dear Board of Trustees -

I am writing as someone who is concerned about the proposal currently in place regarding short-term rentals (STR) in Aurora.

As an employee of one of the largest companies in Aurora, it has been my privilege to stay in a STR regularly as I commute from my home in Illinois on a regular basis. Using Aurora Main Stays has been a haven for me - allowing me access to the Village Market, Fargo and the Aurora Inn for dining or the option of eating "at home". I can say with authority that I have never felt unsafe, and I walk regularly at 5am. My accommodations are always clean, and I have never encountered, nor participated in elevated noise levels. Over the past 5 years the ability to stay at a STR has offered me a sense of place and extreme comfort and I can assure you the town has benefited from my presence. My company employs a number of associates who commute, so limiting this availability is limiting the income potential of any of your local establishments - from the grocer in Union Springs to any of the food and beverage establishments.

If it were not for STR availability, I would be forced to go to Auburn to stay in a conventional hotel, thereby taking income away from Aurora as there are far more dining options in Auburn. The option of staying at any of the Aurora Inn properties is simply not feasible for anyone on a regular basis and for very few even on a special occasion due to the exorbitant rates! I have often questioned how the Inns have been able to continue to add so many properties over the years and I wonder how this is justified when STR are being regulated?

I agree that there needs to be a happy compromise so that Aurora stays the quaint village that we all enjoy. I hope you will consider expanding your current proposal for the good of the community and those of us who call Aurora a second home!

Best,
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