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Thank you for your time reviewing this statement offered for the Short-Term Rental Law Public Hearing on December 20th, 2023. Erin and I regret we can not be there in person to meet you.

Erin is from Endicott, NY. Her parents, sisters and seven nieces and nephews still reside there. We met in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania when she moved there to work in the local Community Health Center. She is a pediatrician and cares for the underserved in the community. I am a pharmacist and health system administrator employed at the same health center. We both feel fortunate to have met each other.

During her adolescent years, Erin's family enjoyed much of what Cayuga Lake has to offer and she found The Village of Aurora during this time. She fell in love with it and dreamt of having her wedding here. She and I would visit The Village when possible. I fell in love with it as well. The beauty of the lake, the land and the people resonated with both of us. On July 12th, 2014, we were married at St. Patrick's Church. Since that time, we had set a goal of purchasing a home in Aurora, move here if possible, and ultimately retire here. In October of 2021, 15 Main St. went on the market. Erin had an alert set and was inquiring about it before the ink was dry on the listing. We were lucky the purchase went through, and our dream was on track to being fulfilled. Since we can't yet live there full time, we established it as a short-term rental to offset some of the improvement costs as well as some of the mortgage payments to make the home affordable. Additionally, if a building is not utilized routinely, systems start to fail, and we felt it better to utilize it than have it sit idle.

Since the purchase, we have developed a wonderful relationship with our neighbors. We have prioritized hiring of Village residents for any work that needs to be done. We have enjoyed weeks and weekends with our friends and families. We value the friendships and working relationships that have been fostered and still look forward to the day we can move here.

We are certainly willing to employ any safety measures an inspection would necessitate. The safety of our family, guests and neighbors is paramount.

In closing, we support your desire to maintain the character of The Village of Aurora. It is the character that drew us to The Village in the first place. We respectfully ask for your consideration of a grandfather clause in the final law that would enable us to maintain the current state, while adhering to any safety provisions. We hope to engage with you further as permanent residents soon.

Sincerely,
Erin Hannagan and David Grant

 