

2 Orchard Lane
Aurora, NY 13026

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Mayor Jim Orman
Village Board
Aurora, NY 13026

Dear Mayor Orman & Village Board Members,

We are writing to express our support for the proposed law regulating short term rentals in the Village of Aurora.

We are not opposed to the consideration of amendments to accommodate the concerns of longtime residents (e.g., minor revisions to STR standards, application procedures, contract requirements, etc.). However, protecting village residents from the proliferation of un-hosted STRS (especially from absentee commercial landlords) must be a priority.

Regulating public safety, parking, garbage disposal, noise, etc. has always been the primary responsibility of village government, and the goals of the proposed law are thoroughly consistent with the comprehensive plan.

While the housing market might be variable, it does exist. Wells College has hired a number of new faculty & staff over the past few years, and Michael has personally interviewed job candidates who have been frustrated in their attempts to find local housing. However unpredictable the housing market might be, the fact remains that the unchecked proliferation of un-hosted STRs would only weaken community institutions & services, place increased burdens on a shrinking and aging population, and diminish the quality of life of year-round residents.

Sincerely,

Michael & Sandra Groth