

Board of Trustees:

I am a full time resident of Aurora and a teacher at Southern Cayuga. I live in a rental property in the village and I am writing to offer my full support of the Village Board's pending legislation to regulate and restrict short term rental in Aurora. Growing up in Aurora, I have gradually watched the village's character change and I am deeply grateful that the Board is finally taking steps to control the direction in which Aurora is headed.

Plain and simple, a village populated with full time residents is vibrant, safe, sustainable, and diverse. I am in support of this. Short term rental detracts from this because short term renters are not your neighbors and don't contribute meaningfully to the community. I am pleased that the Village Board is working to legislate short term rental so that I can be assured that I live in an actual village with, to name a few, children in our schools, teachers, masons, carpenters, shopkeepers, people who work out of their homes, employees of the Inns, volunteer members of the fire department, volunteers manning the desk at the library, people filling roles on the various boards and committees, and people welcoming their neighbors at Sunday services.

In conclusion, I support the Village Board's commitment to sustaining a vibrant community in the village of Aurora by regulating and restricting the use of residential homes as short term rentals.

Sincerely,
Bethy Wilkinson