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RE: File Number: #14-1635

Good day, Councilman Krekorian-

I am one of your constituents and would like to take a moment to address my concerns about the upcoming vote on File Number: #14-1635, home sharing. Whether it is an apartment, condominium or house, a home is the most intimate thing a person has. It is their place to share with loved ones and it is their refuge. When I was purchasing my first house, I wanted something that would be great for entertaining and provide solitude. I found this in Van Nuys. Surrounded by fruit trees with wrap-around porch, the home is perfect. The American Dream of home ownership almost came to an abrupt halt in March of 2013 when the judge of the TV court show I was working on decided not to renew his contract. The show wrapped the week after I closed escrow. With no spouse to help with the mortgage and no show, I hurried up and rented a room through a local church. It was okay, but not ideal. Then a friend introduced me to home sharing.

Home sharing was/is the perfect fit for me. It allows me to work part time and freelance full-time while making me a better neighbor. In order to give my guests the best experience possible it is necessary to explore my neighborhood. One thing I am very proud of is that I am able to provide a safe and nurturing home to people who use my house as their launching pad to get established in Los Angeles. I remember how difficult this move was and I am happy to make their transition easier. This is something they can't get from staying at a hotel or from a landlord.

There are many benefits to home sharing. It has allowed me to reinvest money to make upgrades to my home, and my guests spend money in the community. Above all, the biggest benefit I receive is that home sharing has allowed me to keep my house and fulfill the American Dream. While legislation is inevitable and necessary, I wanted to lend my voice to the chorus. I am not a hotel chain, I am an individual who benefits and am asking you to help draft fair legislation for home sharers. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, your constituent.

Sarah Johnson