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Support for STR Pilot Program in CD 13

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Dear Rita,

I am young LA native born and raised in Silver Lake, also a constituent of your district. Thank you for maintaining our neighborhood clean ups and for voting to pass the STR ordinance. My family and I fully support your motion for the Pilot Program in CD 13 to regulate home sharing in primary residences subject to RSO. However, the \$850 to extend over 120 days on top of the 14% TOT tax and the proposed nightly tax poses a large hardship on our finances and we are strongly hoping it will be reconsidered.

My father passed when I was just 7 years old and my mother raised my brother and I all on her own. She had little to no help as her family lived in Colorado and uprooting her children from their California home and school was just not a fair option. She decided to stay in our Silver Lake home which my father and her spent their entire life savings on. Over several years, she found herself in severe debt due to sending two children to college, property taxes and maintenance, and lack of stable income.

I am not here to impose a sad story on you, instead I write this letter to share that the main reason my family was able to get out of financial debt and allow a single mother to survive living in Los Angeles was because of short term rentals. STR has changed my family in many ways, particularly by allowing us natives to stay in the neighborhood versus forcing us to sell to out of state developers. We are the type of community members that make Silver Lake what is today and we want to make sure we are able to enjoy the community we spent so many years building.

We appreciate you hearing our story and for the pilot program, but please know that the new permits and taxes will be additional burdens on family finances.

Thank you for your time and efforts,
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