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Speaker Beth Harwell  
301 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Suite 19 Legislative Plaza  
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Speaker Harwell:

I'm writing on behalf of the City of Forest Hills and its residents to express our strong opposition to Senate Bill 372-Short Term Rental Amendment. We are particularly concerned about the provision (Subsection 62-7-202(b) that would constrain local governments from prohibiting the operation of short term rentals in "owner occupied units."

This proposed blanket, state-wide mandate is insensitive to the vast differences in cities across the state. A law which may in some instances be appropriate for a large, commercialized city could be totally inappropriate for a small one with virtually no commercialization such as Forest Hills. The argument has often been made that an individual city is in a better position to determine possible uses within its boundaries than a removed legislative body. We hope you agree with that position.

If you would like to discuss our opposition to this bill please feel free to contact me. As always we appreciate your hard work on behalf of the residents of Forest Hills.

Respectfully,

John Lovell  
Mayor, City of Forest Hills