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Representative Joey Andrews
Michigan House of Representatives
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Subject: Letter of Support
House Bill 5438

Dear Representative Andrews:

The St. Joseph City Commission wishes to express its support for House Bill 5438, as introduced on February 13, 2024, which you introduced in cooperation with 22 other representatives. We understand the bill will be the subject of a hearing before the House Local Government and Municipal Finance Committee on Wednesday, April 17.

The City Commission appreciates that the bill supports the current state of the law, allowing each community to regulate short-term rentals as a use under the Zoning Enabling Act and issue and enforce local regulations to protect public health, safety, and welfare. In addition, the bill further provides that short-term rentals cannot be prohibited entirely in a community, which is also in keeping with the current state of the law under MCL 125.3207.

The City Commission appreciates the bill's intent to protect the continued ability of local residents to guide the future of their respective communities through zoning and to protect public health, welfare, and safety.

Sincerely,


John Hodgson
City Manager