

Dear Chairman Fitzgerald, Minority Vice Chair Zorn, and members of the House Local Government and Municipal Finance Committee:

On behalf of the Travel Technology Association (Travel Tech) and our members, I submit this written testimony in opposition to Michigan HB 5438 for tomorrow's hearing.

My name is Laura Chadwick, and I am the President and CEO of the Travel Technology Association, also known as Travel Tech. My organization represents the leading innovators in travel technology, including online travel agencies (OTAs), short-term rental platforms, global distribution systems, metasearch companies, and travel management companies. Our members' vital role in the travel and tourism industry empowers consumers, creates a fair and competitive marketplace, fosters accountability, and promotes positive customer experiences.

Michigan has and continues to derive a very real economic benefit from the presence of short-term rentals and the travelers who occupy them. Unfortunately, some provisions of HB 5438 raise serious legal and practical concerns.

In light of these issues, I strongly urge you to remove these requirements and continue to consult with our members and other stakeholders on developing reasonable regulations for the industry.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

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