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Dear Mayor Bradshaw and City Council Members,

As a Ketchum resident, I fully support the adoption of the proposed ordinance being considered to better regulate short-term rentals in the City. As a long-term renter who lives and works in Ketchum, I have seen how long-term rental units have been switched over to Airbnbs or other forms of short-term rentals, leaving locals scrambling to find new housing. It is not the City's place to ban short-term units outright, but we can follow the lead of other resort towns like McCall and Sandpoint to better regulate those units. If the City can encourage owners to rent out their units long-term to locals vs. renting units short-term to out-of-town visitors (either with regulations or incentives), that will hopefully act as a pressure valve of sorts for our current housing crisis.

I recognize that there are still some specifics to work out with this ordinance, but I fully support it in concept. Thank you for your initiative on this effort and for doing what you can to address Ketchum's housing crisis.

Regards,  
Josh Johnson