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Subject: Thank you for your Leadership - STR Ordinance

Hello Boise and Ketchum Mayor and city council members,

I'm writing this email to first say thank you for addressing the issue of investor-owned short-term rentals and the impacts they have on public safety, the integrity of residential neighborhoods, and affordable housing supply. I live in the East End of Boise and am sincerely concerned by the rapid increase of STR investment properties in my beloved neighborhood. I look forward to seeing swift action on an ordinance and to help facilitate this process, I wanted to highlight the fact that both the city of Boise and Ketchum are currently working on a short term rental ordinance. I've cc'd both mayors and respective council members on this email in addition to a number of active residents currently engaged with this issue.

By combining efforts (in addition to building political and constituent support) it could also reduce the cost and redundancy of certain tasks. As you are all aware, leveraging existing ordinances in Valley County, McCall, Sandpoint, Bonners County, Rexburg, etc. helps to enforce the undeniable truth that this is an active concern of Idaho residents and can no longer be characterized as non-issue by those in the STR investor industry. I encourage you to reach out to these other cities and counties as you develop your respective ordinances.

Lastly, ensuring a balance between homeowner opportunities for short-term renting and retaining housing opportunities for hard-working residents that are long-term active participants in our communities is critical. Additionally, speaking as a homeowner, I ask that you first take all regulatory action to minimize the conversion of housing stock into investor-owned short-term rentals before asking taxpayers to subsidize the conversion of these properties back into long-term rentals, as typically proposed by leadership that has delayed addressing this issue for too long. That is not fair to the taxpayers.

For more information on what Boise and Ketchum residents are doing to elevate this discussion please visit: [Protect Boise Neighborhoods](#) and [AirbnbKills5B | Facebook](#)

Sincerely,

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