



D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, Inc.

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Resolution in support of the Short-term Rental Regulation and Affordable Housing Protection Act of 2017

WHEREAS, the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations is dedicated to informing, representing, and supporting the residents of the District of Columbia by bringing together leaders of its diverse neighborhoods in an action-oriented body;

WHEREAS, illegal commercial short-term rental operations pose a serious threat to the availability of affordable housing in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, there are more than 6,000 D.C. listings available on Airbnb alone and by Airbnb's own estimates over a quarter of these listings are controlled by commercial operators who own multiple listings in the District;

WHEREAS, illegal commercial short-term rentals are most prevalent in rapidly gentrifying neighborhoods, and provide a major avenue for investors to exploit and destabilize the District's residential neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, the "Short-term Rental Regulation and Affordable Housing Protection Act of 2017" would update the process for residents to get a license for short-term rental use in their home and create enforcement mechanisms to ensure that neighborhoods and housing are protected;

WHEREAS, the bill would effectively target commercial short-term rental operations which harm neighborhoods and deplete housing, while providing a pathway for legitimate home-sharing to flourish in the District of Columbia; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations does hereby support the "Short-term Rental Regulation and Affordable Housing Protection Act of 2017."

Dated this 22nd day of March, 2017.

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