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Subject: Comment letter, short-term rental units
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Dear Mayor Reardon, City Councillors, and Members of the Planning Board,

I support allowing owner-occupied short-term rental units (STRUs) by special permit, including parking requirements like those for similar uses. As you have heard repeatedly, STRUs can adversely affect the quality of life in neighborhoods due to late-night noise, inadequate parking, and loss of rental units.

I very strongly oppose investor-owned STRUs. Some businesses and property owners may argue that investor STRUs would make up for a lack of hotel rooms. Yet, if you approve investor STRUs you guarantee that no sensible hotel developer will try to compete. Furthermore, if we are truly a small city committed to diverse housing opportunities and welcoming people from all economic backgrounds, why do we want to prioritize tourism instead? I don't.

Sincerely,

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