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Subject: S.6 Short Term Rental

Dear Committee on Housing, General and Military Affairs:

Thank you for your diligent work on short term rentals. I appreciate your commitment to Vermont's vital tourism industry, and to Vermonters seeking to earn income from their properties through innovative short term rental platforms.

On behalf of the Administration, I am writing to respectfully offer our suggestions to S.6:

1.) Section 1. 4466 Inspections.

Please strike this specific section. The Vermont Department of Health and the town health officers already have authority if there is a public health hazard.

2.) Section 1. 4468 Educational Materials.

Please change "Health Department" to read "Tax Department" as originally outlined in House General version of S.204 on which there was wide consensus.

3.) Section 2. 9282. Rooms and Meals Tax b) Short-term Rental Operators.

Re: the language "The Department (referring to Tax) shall disseminate the information packet prepared by the Department of Health..." Please strike "prepared by the Department of Health" and substitute "the Department of Tax."

These changes effectively bring S.6 back to House General version that had consensus before the conference committee. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

My best,
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