



Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs
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Dear Senator Sitotkin and Committee members:

The Town of Stowe Selectboard supports the passage of S.204. Stowe has over 400 short-term rentals listed on sites like Airbnb and HomeAway and concerns have been raised about compliance with life safety issues and ensuring there is a level playing field with lodging facilities by ensuring short-term rentals pay meals and rooms taxes. The State Division of Fire Safety regulates life safety issues and the Vermont Department of Taxes is responsible for ensuring meals and room taxes are collected. Thank you for your efforts to help ensure compliance.

If you desire any additional background information regarding the Town of Stowe's perspective, please contact Tom Jackman, Town Planner (tjackman@stowevt.gov or 253-2705) or Charles Safford, Town Manager (csafford@townofstowevt.gov or 253-6868) and they would welcome the opportunity to talk with you.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hagerty, Chair
Town of Stowe Selectboard

Cc: VLCT Advocacy
Senator Richard Westman
Representative Heidi Scheuermann