

Dear [Senator_____ or Representative _____]:

I am one of your constituents. I reside at _____, Texas. Enclosed is a letter from a growing number of neighborhood coalitions across the state who have come together to stop efforts by short term rental companies to push a legislative agenda in Austin that poses highly destructive threats to all of our neighborhoods.

In the spring of 2019, a bill was being pushed in the legislature by the STR platforms that would have achieved their dream of being able to flout even longstanding zoning ordinances. Fortunately, that wrong-headed bill did not make it out of Committee. If it had been passed, it would have rendered Texas cities powerless to safeguard their citizens against the severe problems so often created when these mini-hotels invade residential neighborhoods.

With the legislature now back in session, I write to let you know I fully support the letter from this grassroots coalition – because I firmly believe that this critical zoning issue must be left to local officials, who know best local conditions in their community.

I thank you in advance for your support.