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Aloha County Council Planning Commission,

I would like to voice my concerns about proposed HC Bill 147.

My name is Paul Crawford, and I have operated an Airbnb for over 10 years in Puna. I have paid all my TAT, GET, and HCTAT. I have private off street parking, only one unit in my home, and have been a good neighbor to my community. I have never had any complaints. In fact Airbnb has essentially paid for the repair of our private Rd. and my neighbors really appreciate that.

I can appreciate the need for clear regulations going forward, but as this Bill is written, it is very murky. I cannot clearly see exactly what effect it will have on me. Specifically I have 3 worries:

1, What possible good does limiting rental days serve? Would you tell a Hotel or Supermarket they cannot do over a certain amount of business? Who's interest do these limitations serve?

2, The AG designation limits. It appears that they only affect AG 1 properties. I am AG 3, and that isn't listed anywhere in the Bill. Does that mean I am exempt? What is the reasoning behind the AG designation liimits?

3, The fines seem very punitive, and don't seem to be tied to the severity of any infraction. Could I be heavily fined for a misprint, or very small infraction? Who would have the power to determine the severity of any infraction? One person, or a committee?

I urge you to clarify this Bill, before making it, law. The potential to harm an already fragile island economy is very large here.

Mahalo for your attention in this matter,

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