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Senator Chuck Riley, Chair  
Senator Vice-Chair Fred Girod  
Oregon State Senate  
Committee on Business and General Government

Subject: SB 621

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Member of the Committee,

The City of Madras is concerned about the draft provisions of SB 621 in that it would usurp the City of Madras, and other local governments, ability from regulating short-term rentals/vacation rentals.

If local governments do not have the ability to regulate short-term rentals/vacation rental it would very much compromise local government's ability to ensure that have adequate housing by preventing certain housing to be used as permeant housing. The City of Madras, like many other cities, has a severe housing shortage. Short-term rentals/vacation rentals are important for tourism but often are counterproductive to efforts to ensure that there is an adequate supply and variety of housing types for residents. Other cities in the state have recently put forth significant efforts to regulate short-term rentals/vacation rentals do not affect neighborhood character by issues related to parking, noise, transient-room tax, spacing between rental units, etc. This bill would void those existing regulations. The City of Madras requests the continued ability to regulate all forms of housing as a significant means of economic development and housing planning.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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