June 8, 2026

Honorable Mike Hoadley
Chairman, House Economic
Competitiveness Committee
Michigan House of Representatives
124 North Capitol Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933

[Via electronic mail]

Re: **HB 5139 - Letter of Support**

Dear Chairman Hoadley and Members of the House Economic Competitiveness Committee,

On behalf of short-term rental hosts, operators, and stakeholders across the State of Michigan, the Michigan Short-Term Rental Association (MiSTRA) **whole-heartedly endorses HB 5139**. As an organization committed to responsible renting practices, educating short-term rental owners is part of our mission – and we realize that **the current procedures and disparity in how taxes on rental income generated by short-term rentals are confusing and frustrating.**

MiSTRA was founded in 2024 as a 501(c)(3) with a mission to represent the short-term rental industry in our state. As a membership organization, our three-part mission includes education, advocacy, and collaboration. **The disparity in how taxes are collected and remitted has been a challenge our members – property owners in the state of Michigan, communicates time and again,** and we have long wished to see solved for our membership and industry in Michigan.

The lived experience of short-term rental Michigan owners, hosts, and operators requires a sophisticated understanding of how taxes are collected by the various platforms, and the need to navigate Michigan's not intuitive systems to pay taxes – on **only on a portion of those rents collected.**

Because the majority of short-term rentals in our state are not full-time rentals (~80% of all STR in Michigan are available less than full-time according to AirDNA data), we appreciate

that this is not a full-time focus for many; **making it as easy as feasible to be compliant is a big goal and this bill delivers.**

This administrative change modernizes Michigan's Sales Tax collection standards and is a modest administrative change with a big impact. Although we have no data, I would gauge this change will increase compliance in submitting taxes from short-term renting while introducing more ease for property owners. It's a win-win for the state and property owners.

Feel free to reach out to us if we can be of support or answer any questions related to this issue.

Sincerely,

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