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Subject: Re: Written Submissions and Public Delegations - January 17th Planning Committee meeting

Dear planning committee, another important consideration is that we have a regional cancer hospital in Hamilton at Juravinski Hospital. I have hosted many families and patients for short term stays who are going through cancer treatment and who have travelled from other parts of Ontario. They report they have enjoyed being together in a home environment to support their loved one. They say the alternative is that they would be staying in nondescript hotels, and this would not be the same positive experience. It is important that you ask yourself, what is the healing effect of a loving home during one's cancer treatment? Is it safe to say that Airbnb's help, albeit in a small way, with the patient's cancer treatment while they are fighting for their life? Please consider the negative ramifications of excessive and restrictive regulation of short term rentals! Ask yourself what are you truly trying to fix and is it worth these and other negative ramifications that the staff report failed to address in their report?

Thank you,

Bryan DiFrancesco