



A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS ON HOME SHARING

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1. **WHEREAS**, many homeowners and renters are using platforms like Airbnb,
2. VRBO, and HomeAway to make extra money.
3. **WHEREAS**, On a short-term basis, they rent out spare rooms in their homes –
4. maybe even the entire house or apartment – to help make the monthly mortgage,
5. rent or a little extra cash to make ends meet, take their family on vacation or even
6. pay for college; and
7. **WHEREAS**, around the United States, wages are stagnant and other technologies
8. threaten to limit opportunity for millions of people and further pressure local tax
9. bases; and
10. **WHEREAS**, In sharp contrast, home sharing is empowering individuals,
11. neighborhoods and governments by seeking to align their interests in creating
12. economic opportunity; and
13. **WHEREAS**, home sharing democratizes capitalism; and
14. **WHEREAS**, Home sharing helps combat wage stagnation and worsening
15. economic inequality by empowering people to use their homes to earn extra
16. income, fostering entrepreneurship, and supporting increasing numbers of
17. workers; and
18. **WHEREAS**, Globally, the typical host earns \$3,100 USD sharing their primary
19. home; 49 percent of a typical host’s income is used on household expenses like

20. rent and groceries; and 54 percent of hosts say that income has helped them stay
21. in their homes; and
22. **WHEREAS**, Women hosts have earned \$10 billion in income through digital
23. home sharing platforms, and 50,000 women have used this income to support
24. their own entrepreneurship; and
25. **WHEREAS**, Airbnb also supports a growing number of jobs – an estimated
26. 730,000 in the US alone in 2016, with 1.3 million projected in the US in 2017;
27. and
28. **WHEREAS**, the NOBEL Women organization supports regulatory environments
29. that optimize the social value proposition of home sharing as an economic
30. solution and empowers people to earn, that expands and enriches travel for
31. consumers, and strengthens communities through sustainable tourism that
32. supports jobs, promotes neighborhoods and generates new revenue.
33. Now, **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Nashville NOBEL Women’s
34. Conference supports local and state regulations that have a light regulatory touch
35. on home sharing that will protect neighborhoods, their citizens and homeowners’
36. personal property rights.

Introduced by: Rep. Karen Camper (TN)