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**To:** CPSC <[cpsc@london.ca](mailto:cpsc@london.ca)>  
**Subject:** Stop Tax grab for Airbnb.

To the City of London.

In my opinion, the arguments against Airbnb and the argument for taxing Airbnb host are totally ridiculous, unjustified and unfounded. Just an excuse to make more money from your citizens.

As my experience from hosting Airbnb guest for years, both in Europe and in Canada, I have never encountered big parties or unruly guest. The people I've hosted over years have been foreign students, guest student, resident doctors, interns, and locals in between moves.

The two properties that I bought in London On were flea infested, mildewed, untaken care of properties. One of the houses I have, had a continuous flow of prostitutes, drug addicts and undesirables renting the apartments out, not paying rents after a few months, leaving me with months of headaches and no rents, trying to get them out, with neighbors complaining about the garbage and needles being left lying around. And that was a problem for years.

Now that I have my 2 properties as Airbnb apartments, they are being well taken care of. The properties are now in beautiful condition, garbage and lawn maintenance, well managed and as a host, a lot of work goes into keeping the places looking great. That is a bonus for the neighborhoods, the neighbors and the property value.

Am I, as a host making astronomical amounts of money? Am I taking away money from big hotels and other institutions? Am I taking housing from locals?

No, I am paying my mortgages, I am paying a cleaning lady, a yard maintenance company and various general laborers as need be. Therefore I am making work for others. As for taking housing away from locals, there is obviously a need for temporary housing, because this would not be an issue if there wasn't. And yes as an older woman facing retirement, I am making a bit extra for the years to come. Which I pay personal Taxes on already, plus property Taxes and Insurance.

I hope with this email I have made my point clear on being totally against this Taxing Airbnb question. I beg you to consider the smaller individuals and let them manage their properties how they seem fit. Airbnb forces people to keep their properties well maintained and not left as student hovels. Airbnb is great for the city of London as it allows foreign student, doctors and interns to live here in good conditions, forces the landlords to maintain their properties and the city is still making a lot of money through the Taxes that we already are paying.

Thank You for your time,  
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