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Hello Mayor Oszust and honourable council members.

I would like to register my support for the proposed Prestige Hotel Temporary Use Permit.

As we all know, there is a desperate and growing need for housing in our community. This is of particular concern when it comes to affordable housing (by any definition that you want to use) and staff housing.

As an employer I can tell you confidently that housing has moved from being one of a number of smaller issues for the retention and attraction of employees, to now being the main issue. Even the employers in town that pay better wages than the Prestige, struggle with this issue.

That is why it is refreshing to see the businesses that have the land and resources to create or purchase accommodation for staff, as something that is both refreshing and should be emphatically encouraged.

As part of this support, I would also encourage Council to ensure that the implementation and strong enforcement of our current short term rental bylaws are made a strategic priority in your October planning. This housing crisis does not have an easy fix, but I have no doubt that that enforcement of those bylaws would help to push many of those 126 STRs in the town's boundaries (83% of which are "entire homes". Data is from AirDNA) back into the long term rental market.

Thank you for your time and public service.

Scott Weir