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## Florida League of Cities Issues Statement on Short-Term Rentals Bill (HB 219)

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**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – The **Florida League of Cities**, the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments, issued the following statement on HB 219:

“The Florida League of Cities supports safe and responsible short-term rentals, but today’s unfortunate decision by the House Regulatory Reform Subcommittee to approve legislation that doesn’t protect tenants from unsafe units or those who live next door to dangerous rentals is concerning and potentially putting residents at risk. Florida’s cities have shown the ability to appropriately manage short-term rentals based on the unique needs of their communities and protect residents’ property rights from out-of-state, unrestricted corporations, but this legislation also proposes a statewide preemption of registering and inspecting short-term rentals to a state agency that simply doesn’t have the resources to manage the tens of thousands of rentals in this state. Florida’s 411 cities are incredibly diverse and need the tools and flexibility to implement smart, targeted solutions to public safety problems caused by short-term rentals. We look forward to continuing to discuss these concerns with House members as well as members of the Senate Regulated Industries Committee that will hear a similar bill next week.”

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*Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida’s cities, which are formed and governed by their citizens. The League believes in “Local Voices Making Local Choices,” which focuses on the impact citizens and city leaders have in improving Florida’s communities. For more information, visit [flcities.com](http://flcities.com).*