

## Juliet Hodge

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Good afternoon Juliet, My name is Craig Nelson. See my letter for the meeting. Thanks Sincerely

To who it may concern. 8/8/2022

My name is Craig Nelson. I am a life long resident of Ledyard, CT. I met and married another Ledyard resident and together we raised our family.

I have worked in our town for over 35 years and we started two businesses in Ledyard and Gales Ferry.

As the years have passed by we have found our selves with two resistances in town. One is our current home that I designed and built and where we raised our family. The other is the home where I grew up. I will be soon in the market to create some income with one to off set the taxes and expenses. We are not ready to sell any properties. They are home to us.

With this said I am in favor of short term rentals. I have seen first hand the detractions that come with the long term rentals. Example; My parents rented out a home in North Haven CT. For years the tentents abused the property and down graded the property values of the neighbors. The laws practically prohibited them from evicting the tentents. This eventually forced my parents to sell the property.

I have seen first hand of the benefits of short term rentals. Example; the property is well maintained on a weekly basis, secondly if there is a problem with the guests it will only be a problem for a night or so. Action can be taken to correct the problem.

Another benefit for the town is the guest will visit local businesses in Ledyard and Gales Ferry. This could create more commerce for Ledyard and Gales Ferry locations, that we need to help out our tax burdens.

I have rented short term rentals many times and seen first hand the screening process. I have also treated them as mine. I like to think a good percentage of the guests do. I am in favor of consequences that can be put in place on the owners and guest if there is a legitimate problem.

Thank you sincerely,  
Craig and Michelle Nelson

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