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Date: July 9, 2025  
To: Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners  
From: Bel Air Economic & Community Development Commission  
Subject: Short Term Rentals

The June 12, 2025 ECDC meeting included an overview provided by Commissioner Rutledge of the Short Term Rental legislation being considered by the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners. Following discussion, ECDC is in support of this legislation as it will have positive benefits for the Town.

Without a hotel in municipal limits, ECDC supports this legislation as it allows the Town of Bel Air to capitalize on economic activity created by individuals and families visiting Bel Air for events, weddings, sports tourism, family gatherings, business meetings as well as other reasons that generate overnight stays. Overnight stays create revenue by increasing sales particularly for our retail establishments and restaurants helping to create and sustain a strong business community in Bel Air.

As the Town Board of Commissioners considers this legislation, ECDC provides its support recognizing its potential to bring lasting benefits to Bel Air's economic vitality.

cc: Angela Robertson, Director of Economic Development  
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