



## HAWDC e-HEADLINES

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### **HAWDC to Testify at Short-Term Online Rental Hearing:**

As many of you are aware, HAWDC has been working with the District government to pass legislation that would provide a licensing and regulating structure for homeowners to rent their properties for a short-term basis online. On Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, the District Council will hold a hearing on the "Short-Term Rental Regulation and Affordable Housing Protection Act of 2017." The bill would allow homeowners who obtain a special business license, designed specifically for short-term rentals, to rent their properties while ensuring that homeowners comply with District regulations and health and safety standards. The goal of the legislation is to rid the market of commercial property owners who rent multiple housing units and serve as *de facto* hotels without complying with the myriad of regulations that traditional hotels have to comply with.

"The hotel industry does not seek to limit District residents from sharing their homes with travelers that come to our city," says Solomon Keene, President & CEO, Hotel Association of Washington, DC. "However, it is unreasonable to allow commercial property owners to list multiple units on these short-term rental platforms to operate free of any regulatory scheme and compete with hotels that have to comply with a robust regulatory structure." HAWDC looks forward to continuing to work with the District Council to pass a commonsense and workable framework for homeowners seeking to rent their properties online with home-sharing platforms. As customary, we will update Members as the bill works its way through the legislative process.

### **"Hotel Industry Night" with D.C. United:**

D.C. United is hosting a "Hotel Industry Night" on Saturday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. at RFK Stadium as they take on the Philadelphia Union. All hotel employees will receive discounted tickets ranging from \$18-35 depending on seat location. Tailgating options are also available and there will be live music, games and food trucks. If you are interested in attending or need more information, please contact Aaron Mccollum at 202-587-5480.



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