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To Whom It May Concern:

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Government Bill for Section 40a of the Construction Act and the Ministry of the Environment's Decree on Residential, Accommodation, and Workspaces.

The reference number for the request for comments is VN/17257/2023.

We believe that the most flexible regulation of short-term rentals in residential properties will enhance the availability of fully furnished apartments and apartments with services, especially for the needs of a mobile workforce. Additionally, we believe that diverse housing options and people from different cultures enrich the living environment and increase the demand for local services.

From the perspective of relocation and work-related immigration, short-term leasing of furnished apartments is almost a necessity, as it allows individuals to be registered at the address, a prerequisite for obtaining, among other things, a Finnish phone connection and bank account. Being registered at an address is also linked to family's school, daycare, and healthcare arrangements.

Sincerely,

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