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Dear Planning Commissioners of San Juan County,

In August of 2021, there was a decision to freeze the number of vacation rental permits to those that were active and compliant at 413. After the original decision, I understand that the ultimate number of 650 is what you have determined with your current findings. Peak summer 2021 we had 413 vacation rentals in operation imagine being over half again as busy as we were with a number of 650. This also creates the unfortunate surge of more people rushing to “get in” before the cap.

I want to thank you for taking on this issue with a fair and educated stance on the proliferation of vacation rentals in San Juan County. I understand you’re tasked with finding a happy medium between protecting the islands, and protecting individual property rights. Planning commissioners of the past, could never have foreseen the impact of what would become the Airbnb phenomenon. It’s safe to say, even if not another single advertisement of the San Juan Islands were to be made, the islands have been commodified. With Zillow, Redfin, Airbnb, VRBO, Expedia, [Bookings.com](#), etc., the Islands are most definitely advertised on a global scale.

We must take care now to protect the livability of the islands for those that have no involvement in tourism and don’t want a revolving door of transient renters in what were at one time neighborhoods. With the rising cost of real estate, we cannot afford to issue VR permits freely.

Thank you for reading my concerns,

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