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Hello San Juan County Council Members:

I'm writing to express support for capping the number of Short Term "Vacation" Rental permits at the July, 2021 level of "Active and Compliant" permits.

Limiting the penetration and expansion of Vacation Rentals in our island neighborhoods are vital to community survival and sustainability. Our resources are already stretched thin and we have a lack of long-term housing available for working families, business owners, and service workers on the island. Our economy relies on tourism - and vacation rentals are great for visitors as a way to enjoy all that our islands have to offer, and as an investment or supplemental income for property owners - but only up to a certain point.

We have surpassed that point, and now need to be responsible stewards of our islands and our community. Let's put smart, reasonable limits in place and spend more time and resources planning out how to balance tourism and long-term housing affordability instead of continuing to debate over this rental cap issue for years to come.

We elected you to show leadership and demonstrate that you care for your community that lives and works here full time - convince us that you care by capping VRs.

Thank you,

Lindsay Jennings

Orcas Island resident