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To: Vacation Rental Committee
From: Robert Pate
Date 5.17.2022

Hello I am a property owner at 571 Lindsay Way, Eastsound and fully opposed to limiting vacation rental permits. Tourists are the life blood of this community. My home is currently a long-term rental (1 year) and it took several months to find a tenant to pay \$3,000/month plus utilities. An average home in San Juan County to purchase is 1 million and I am not even breaking even on the costs to rent long term. Most islanders want to pay \$1,000 - \$1,500/month which is not feasible for a million dollar home. A better solution is too create low-income housing, tiny homes, RV parks etc. for island workers.

My wife and I have scrimped and saved our entire lives to afford a home here and when we retire next year our plan was to rent out the bottom portion of our Orcas home to help pay our taxes. By limiting VR permits you are denying my right to make income. Living on an island is expensive and owner occupied vacation rental is a right **I do not want to loose.** I pay my taxes just like you and my neighbor and should have the right to rent part of my home short-term if warranted. Homes with VR permits are deemed more valuable for resell. San Juan County is opening itself for lawsuits when you limit the ability to earn income you essentially lower the value of that property. Thank you for your consideration.

Home values in San Juan County, WA

San Juan County is a county in Washington and consists of 8 cities. There are 156 homes for sale, ranging from \$45K to \$22.5M.

\$1M

Median Listing Home
Price

\$582

Median Listing Home
Price/Sq Ft

\$897.5K

Median Sold Home
Price