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Dear Christine,

My wife and I own land on San Juan Island and we are in the process of relocating from Neskowin in Oregon. We wanted to share our experience of the impact that Short Term Rentals can have on a small community.

Neskowin is a small coastal town in Tillamook county and it has become an increasingly popular vacation destination. Neskowin is also an unincorporated town and has had no regulation on the growth of Short Term Rentals. As a consequence we have seen a rapid increase in the number of Short Term Rentals which has put a strain on the full-time community and quality of life here. It is one of the reasons we have decided to relocate.

Aside from the day to day problems of increased traffic congestion, illegal parking, noise, garbage etc., we worry about the strain put on infrastructure; use of water and sewer capacity and road maintenance.

Perhaps the biggest worry for us is the reduced availability of long-term rental housing which is contributing to a very serious housing problem in Tillamook county. Even our local village store cannot operate normal business hours because it is impossible to find staff.

We understand that short-term accommodation has an important role to play in supporting a tourist-based economy, but we really hope that San Juan County will recognize the importance of limiting the number of Short Term Rentals to avoid all the negative impacts on the island community.

Together with our neighbors here in Neskowin we are asking Tillamook County to help control the rapid growth in the number of Short Term Rentals. We have also created a website to help explain the issues:

<https://save-our-neighborhoods.org/>

Thank you so much for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely
Jonathan and Alicia McVey