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Dear County Council Members,

I am writing you to encourage you to pass the cap on the number of vacation rentals in San Juan County. It isn't nearly enough, but it is a good start towards an eventual end goal of reducing the number of full time vacation rentals actively taking housing stock off the market.

When my wife and I were looking for our first home to buy, we saw one house that already had a vacation rental permit - the real estate agent explained to us that was why it was significantly more expensive than the house we ended up purchasing, even though it was smaller and on less land. Properties operating as vacation rental businesses drive up housing prices for home owners like us, for renters looking for housing, and reduce the available housing stock for people who actually live here. Christine Minney and Cindy Wolf both ran on a platform supporting restrictions on vacation rentals and a moratorium on new permits, and I hope that they can follow through on those campaign promises.

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