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I am writing to request an extension of the Vacation Rental Moratorium. There are enough rental properties and other accommodations to meet the needs of those visiting the islands. An excess of vacation rentals disrupts the communal nature of neighborhoods and the island itself. Many neighborhoods have been transformed to the point where neighbors no longer know each other or who owns the vacation rental. It leaves some neighborhoods bare of occupants in the winter months.

Tourism and vacation rentals have been over-advertised by the Chamber of Commerce to the point where year round residents cannot enjoy the amenities of the island during the months of May – October without long lines and over crowded eating facilities, hiking trails etc. We moved here for the beauty and tranquility the islands had to offer. That is going away slowly but surely.

Please give us back our island and don't let out-of-state owners take advantage of us by using our island as a means to increase their equity.

Thank you,  
Laurie Liebmann