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Dear San Juan County Council members,

I am a resident of Raccoon Point community on Orcas Island where we have lived for much of the past 41 years. I am writing in support of the moratorium on vacation rentals in San Juan county.

Vacation rentals have changed our community in recent years by introducing strangers to our community for a few days at a time and causing the permanent residents to lose a sense of the community.

Residents who previously maintained our beach and trail resources have left and we are now required to spend community resources to keep our previous life style. We have more transient renters in some parts of Raccoon Point who use our spaces and contribute nothing toward maintenance or community activity.

While I understand some people might want the extra income from vacation rentals, properties owned solely for income generation are not a positive contribution to our community.

Please make the emergency moratorium permanent to save our community.

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