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Dear San Juan County Commissioners,

I was happy to see the recent election results because they led me to hope that we would indeed be able to have a “breather” during which we could update our Vacation Rental regulations without a flood of new applications coming in on top of what we already have. Your passage of the Emergency Vacation Rental Moratorium was a most welcome beginning.

I am concerned that our newly crafted Vacation Rental regulations will both protect our current San Juan County residents who operate their own rental units legally and responsibly - while strictly limiting the number of permits available to non-residents at any given time.

Please give us a year to draft regulations which address these and other issues involving vacation rentals in a manner that protects our unique rural character, environment and culture.

Yours truly,

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