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Dear Council Members:

I believe it's important to the quality of life on our island in the years ahead for the Council to consider carefully and fully all the effects that vacation rentals are — and can have— on our island.

That is why I support continuing the moratorium on vacation rentals. A considered decision requires time to make. If we do not look at all the interests that are involved, the possible affect on those who live here full time as well as those who stay for a season, then we have not fully considered the interests of the entire Orcas community.

In my view, the Council should consider information from other communities that have found themselves in similar situations, the decisions they have made, the reasons for those decisions, and the consequences that followed.

I am not against vacation rentals — in fact, I am in favor of those who live here and need vacation rentals to allow them to live here to be able to exercise that alternative. Outside investors, whose main interest in our island is not the quality of life here, or even employment for those who live here, but profits on investments, are, in my opinion a danger to those who call Orcas home.

I am confident that the Council will study this important issue with the care it deserves.

Thank you for allowing me to express my thoughts.

Sincerely,

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