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Dear County Council Members:

It has been established that the majority of owners of vacation rental properties in our islands are not San Juan County residents. The Orcas Island Vacation Rental Community Conversation Group was organized to research all the facts about this situation including how this situation impacts the quality of life in our communities, the adequacy of affordable housing, the costs of infrastructure, and the impact on environmental quality in our islands.

To give them enough time to explore these impacts as well as the steps that other communities have taken to accommodate vacation rentals I urge you to make the current moratorium permanent for the next 6-12 months. Please put new permits on pause while this group addresses all of the pertinent issues surrounding the vacation rental market in San Juan County.

Thanks for your attention to this important matter!

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