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Dear Council and Planning Committee Members,

You've already received excellent reasons to cap VR's on Lopez Island. This is a story of how lack of a cap affects me, as a fulltime Lopez resident. I'm a retired senior, moved to Lopez four years ago, and taught at the school before Covid. I currently live in an Airstream that I purchased to remain on Lopez, when my California landlord decided to sell the cabin I was renting, in the middle of Covid.

It's not fun walking on MacKaye Harbor beach anymore, which is just down the hill from my Airstream. Yesterday truck-loads of extended families parked right next to Private Beach signs on native plantlife, almost ran over resident chairs on the beach, and then unloaded all their crap with no regard for the organic, living landscape.

Three guys backed their boat and trailer over plants and seagrass onto the beach, when there was a public dock for unloading boats at the north end of the harbor, in plain sight. They returned to the beach with live crabs, hacking each crab in half on a rock, with a large meat cleaver. One crab escaped the trap and was scurrying toward the water over the rock, on its back. Before it got there, it was bisected when the crabber slammed his ax through its abdomen, which functions as a pouch for eggs in females. Lack of sensitivity or even regard for our wildlife, fragile eco-system, residents, and full-time resident property already impacts all life on Lopez.

I've noticed Help Wanted signs everywhere: Blossoms, the post office, Southend cafe, Paper/Scissors. I know which days the Village Market gets new stock, and that's when I shop. But now many of the items I'm shopping for are sold out.

My landlady, Samantha Patrick, just emailed me she will increase my rent by \$200 if I stay through August. \$550 total for a hook-up with no gravel pad or driveway. I know she can get this for a vacation rental, but we have an oral agreement for the rent through August. So I'm unwelcome, and that feels bad in my own home, where I've paid the agreed rent on time every month.

This is starting to feel like the same problems I faced in Seattle, and that I moved to Lopez four years ago to escape. I'm afraid Lopez is turning into a microcosm of greed and selfishness over love for the natural world and commitment to preserving it.

Please Cap Vacation Rentals.

Sincerely,
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'The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way it treats its animals.' - Gandhi

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