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**From:** Lynda Guernsey  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 12:37 PM  
**To:** Vacation Rental Comments  
**Subject:** FW: Vacation rentals

Public comment below.

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Dear Commissioners,

You would have to be underground this summer to not see the extreme changes: full ferries, empty food shelves, crowds everywhere and TRAFFIC. We feel unsafe walking or riding our bicycles with huge vehicles whizzing by us constantly.

We understand change. We NEED to make changes in these times: protect ourselves from covid, support the needy, wean ourselves from fossil fuels, be responsible consumers, give up air travel. But we do NOT accept the despoiling of our island home. We do not need to promote the demise of our environment and communities. We have seen over and over the ruination of natural beauty and healthy communities around the world by tourism. Wake up! Be brave! Do not let this happen to our home, the San Juan Islands.

Please do not allow more vacation rentals. In fact, we need to reduce. Protect our environment and keep our home livable. Do not give short term gain for a few more importance than long term health for our waters, wildlife and island families. It is the right thing to do.

In appreciation,  
Sheila and Ron Metcalf