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Hello,

I am writing to log my dismay at the proposed 30% increase in vacation rentals for Lopez Island. I would support capping the number of vacation rentals on Lopez at the current number. The number of visitors is currently straining the ferry system, our parks, preserves and businesses that exist on the island. I do not know where the resources will come from to accommodate an increase in visitors. I would also support uncoupling the vacation rental permit from the property. If a property is sold that is a vacation rental that permit should go into a lottery. It should not be able to further increase the value of a property on the real estate market. This would also limit the number of people who do not live on the island who operate VRs. We have a farm stay on our farm so we host short term renters. I would not want to do it if we didn't live right next door and check in on each guest. I would support increasing the ability for people to rent rooms in their houses or operate as a B&B. This allows for a much more personal connection.

Thank you for considering.

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