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Hi SJC Policymakers,

I'm Justin Krause, on Orcas Island, writing to support more limits (and a cap) on vacation rentals. I feel like the transformation of our neighborhoods into hotel districts has been harmful for a myriad of reasons you already know, but I'd like to offer a few quick points others may not be raising:

- **The loudest voices will be those with vested interests, but I hope you act in the interest of all of us.** I don't have time to attend meetings or make calls on this issue, because I have to work a real job so I can pay for (non-vacation-rental) housing.
- **We have young people living in yurts, trailers, dorms, and many this summer are giving up on Orcas altogether due to costs.** This isn't just a problem for our service economy that requires workers; this is a problem in terms of culture, sustainability, and diversity. We are losing the next generation of citizens who care about Orcas for the long term.
- **Any rules that grandfather in existing rentals should be recognized as an unfair monopoly. Many existing vacation home owners actually want this cap so they can raise prices with less competition. We should not reward people for breaking the rules or acting before they can be formulated.** Instead of long-term permits, have we considered a regular auction of a set number of 5-year permits, so that the gains from this monopoly go to the community? It seems like we could use the proceeds for something like affordable housing.

Thanks for reading.  
Justin