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Dear San Juan County Planning Commission,

David and I are owners of Eastsound Suites Vacation Rental condominiums in Eastsound. We believe in responsible tourism to support healthy island ecosystems and communities and support the [letter](#) sent to you 8/11/21 by David Turnoy and others.

We are not anti-tourism, we are pro-sustainable tourism. Orcas is overwhelmed. The number of tourists exceeds many businesses ability to serve them and the island community.

Globally the Airbnb, VRBO business model is killing the souls of small, unique places by tearing the fabric of local communities.

We are concerned about carrying capacity of the islands to provide sufficient water, waste water treatment, transportation safety as well as the negative impacts created by transient populations on noise levels, road and infrastructure impacts, and acceptable levels of commerce in activity centers.

Please set caps that reduce the current negative impact of VRPs. Ensure that these caps are permanent and that they are re-evaluated every few years to ensure that they are sufficiently restrictive to prevent the challenges that we have been facing for the past several years.

Such re-evaluation should be done with the intention of lowering caps as needed to minimize if not eliminate the negative impact of over-tourism.

Thank you,

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