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Date: August 14, 2021
From: Linda Peters
To: San Juan County Planning Commission and San Juan County Council
Re: Establishment of fixed permanent caps on the total number of Vacation Rental Permits

I write to support the letter (located at <http://doebay.net/VR/PCCCaugletter.pdf>) sent to you on 11 August 2021 from David Turnoy and others regarding the establishment of caps on Vacation Rental Permits (VRPs) in San Juan County (SJC).

I am concerned about the carrying capacity of the islands to provide sufficient water, wastewater 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. I am particularly concerned about the loss of community in neighborhoods and in the activity areas on Orcas Island.

Please pay great attention to setting appropriate 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 the islands 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,
Linda Peters