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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 have lived on Lopez Island for 10 years. I moved here to enjoy the quiet, tranquil, rural, remote community-minded nature of Lopez Island. I am distressed to see the crowds. I am 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. It is a shame when residents no longer go to Watmough Bay or Iceberg Point because of the crowds. Please pay great attention to setting appropriate caps that reduce the current negative impact of VRPs. Ensure that the data used to calculate caps is the most current and most accurate available; caps should be set no greater than the currently existing active and compliant VRPs for each major island. Also 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. It is time the Chamber of Commerce stopped advertising our islands!