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August 16, 2021
from Deb Langhans, San Juan Island

To: San Juan County Planning Commission and San Juan County Council

I'm writing now in strong support of the letter sent to you on 8/11/21 by David Turnoy and others re: the establishment of caps on Vacation Rental Permits (VRPs) in San Juan County.

My husband and I have lived on San Juan Island since 2006--15 years. We moved here to enjoy the tranquil, rural, nature and community-friendly environment. We ultimately purchased a small home on rural acreage about 10 min. outside of town. As I've watched the construction and population exploding on the island, I've grown increasingly concerned about the lack of data to inform leadership about sustainable infrastructure; I worry about the carrying capacity of all the San Juans to provide sufficient water, waste water treatment, transportation, etc. (I expressed these worries to you via email some months back.)

I'm especially concerned about the erosion of community exacerbated by vacation rentals. In my own neighborhood, that lack of investment in housing and property is regularly reflected in:

- * dangerous speeding on country roads
- * roadside trash dumping
- * careless noise levels, often from over-the-top partying
- * unsupervised pets and
- * uncivil exchanges between neighbors

Please act now to protect our precious island environment and quality of life. Please 1) **establish caps on VRPs** and 2) **tighten and enforce the rules governing them** so island residents can continue to enjoy the special environment we call home.

Many thanks for your careful consideration & prompt attention,

Deb Langhans~
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