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Dear Members of the San Juan County Planning Commission,

I urge you to vote no on the recommendation of an ordinance to the San Juan County Council implementing both a county cap and island-by-island cap on the issuance of new permits for vacation rentals.

The proposed number of caps at 405 is extreme and arbitrary. Further, it would cause great harm to those who hold inactive but compliant permits. Likely, many of those are our law abiding friends and neighbors who have done nothing to deserve such a thoughtless action.

Caps will do nothing to free up an inventory of affordable housing, protect our environment, slow the movement of tourists or permanent residents to our islands, nor steady the rise in real estate prices afflicting our entire nation.

Caps would not be in the public interest and would have a significant impact on property owners' substantial interest in a well-recognized property right.

Please do your due diligence. Choose not to recommend the current draft and vote to engage in a gathering of the data instead.

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Sent from my mobile phone. Apologies for typos and brevity.