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Dear Planning Commission members, I'm writing to request that you recommend a cap on the number of Vacation rentals allowed in the County. For years now moratoriums have been discussed and largely dismissed citing "lack of evidence", "we need more studies", "tourism is a driver of our economy", all while the growing number of VRs has continued to harm our communities and Island way of life.

Two examples: I live in a non waterfront area of Westsound. The property to the west of me was for years run as a VR and while the guests were generally benign we would have the constant slamming of car doors as they were getting ready for the ferry, driving too fast and dusty on the private drive and would occasionally wander unto our property. We never knew our neighbors....Thankfully that property sold to a young couple who now live there and are a joy as neighbors. We've become friends, share a lawnmower, help each other out. On the other hand the property across the street, which was owned and built by a young family, then sold to another working family and then was again sold but turned into a VR. That's been 4 or 5 years now that we don't know our neighbors, can't go borrow a cup of sugar, there's a constant stream of cars, porch lights left on all night. They don't come to community potlucks, don't wave as we go by, its like living next to a rural, once room hotel. That property was recently sold at a price that was almost 3 times what it was bought for 5 years ago before it was made a VR, a price that puts it way out of reach as affordable housing.

I could go on but you've heard all the arguments. Please do the right thing and recommend strong limits on the number of VRs.

Thank you, Steve Mckenna