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Dear San Juan County Planning Commission,

I wanted to voice my concerns about your proposed cap on new vacation rentals. As a real estate agent, I have listened to the debate but I have not really participated in the discussions as I could be considered a "special interest" group since this directly affects my business.

After reading the staff report and listening to several clients' concerns about the cap, I understand the impact this will have on their plans. My clients are young families, trying to plan for their future. Without the option to rent out their properties in a short term rental pool, their dreams are impossible to achieve. The short term rental option allows them to use their homes in the short term until they are able to spend more time here.

Here is one example of the feedback a client sent to me...

"It feels elitist that unless you can afford to live here full time or make the property available long term to someone (covering a mortgage payment with monthly rent is highly unlikely in this market), it's impossible to live here."

Also, capping the vacation rental numbers on Orcas will give a disproportionate advantage to those property owners that already have a permit in place.

I urge you to reconsider capping the number of VR permits.

Best,
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