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**From:** Walter Corbin <wcorbin@rockisland.com>  
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**Subject:** Meeting of Feb. 23rd hearing of vacation rental moratorium

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Unfortunately on Feb 23rd my wife and I are scheduled off Island for our second virus shots and we cannot be physically at the vacation moratorium meeting.

I therefore would like to express my concerns about how the population grows so much during July and August Orcas it is nothing more than bedlam here on Orcas. There has to be some reasonable limits as to the growth and the steady building to accommodate vacationers. Obviously this is being done to make money but at the expense of year round residents.

Obviously there must be enough visitors to keep businesses alive but we must spread out those visitors more evenly over the summer months beginning in June and ending September.

No one wants neighbors spying on neighbors but violations are frequent and there must be severe penalties if there are violations of an approved vacation rental program.

Perhaps some type of lottery for different times could accomplish steep increases in vacation renters and spread their occupancy out over the summer months?

No one likes to hear the words "damn tourist ". We should be a welcoming community but also have respect for the sanctity of values and reasons we live on Orcas.

Frankly, I would recommend that we take the number of vacation rentals we had five years ago and use that figure for issuing any new permits. Existing commercial rentals like the Outlook Inn, Ships Bay, Rosarios and established bed and breakfasts should come first in line for any permits.

Much work has been put into a thoughtful solution to this swelling rental problems and I support whatever plans and actions the Orcas Committee proposes.

Respectfully

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PS: I have authorized a member of the committee to read my comments at the meeting if that is appropriate.