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Dear Council Members,

I am writing in support of extending the moratorium on vacation rentals in the San Juans. The past proliferation of VRs purchased for commercial use by off island investors has wreaked havoc on affordable housing options, and diminished our local sense of community when our neighbors are replaced by cycles of strangers. Where my street of 6 homes once had only one transient rental, it morphed into three in six months time. When affordable housing disappears, then our businesses suffer as the necessary work force has no place to live. If we want a truly diverse economy and population, then we must protect the housing stock from over speculation and development.

Thank you for your consideration,
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