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I want to express my opposition to an extended vacation rental moratorium.

Though I recognize the need for caution as the county, state, country and world transition into a vaccinated against covid-19 world. Simply stopping vacation rentals seems to be counterproductive. I look at vacation rentals as an escape valve for families that have been secluding themselves for a year. Allowing groups to have a change of scenery logically reduces the likelihood of members succumbing to quarantine fatigue and throwing caution to the wind, congregating with friends or other unwise choices.

Sure limiting the size of rental groups to 50% of occupancy could be prudent. Providing clear guidance to visitors on required behavior to prevent the spread of corona. would be helpful, I don't see why vacation renters should not be able to come to the islands, and maintain social distance in our open \spaces . Let them breathe some fresh air. play outside, walk in the woods, blow off some steam... This can be done in a responsible manner. It will make the sheltering at home in the city more tolerable. .

I do support requiring thorough cleaning and pacing a day between renters. I do support requiring vacation rental owners to inform renters of county policies and restrictions and requirements regarding preventing the spread. but I think prohibiting rentals completely is ill advised.. I suspect if there is a moratorium, many owners will discreetly, rent anyway. providing clear guidelines while allowing responsible vacation rentals makes more sense

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