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To: the San Juan County Council Members  
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(Please read to Council Members)

I am writing in strong support of extending the vacation rental moratorium. It is of vital importance, as the community and County government need additional time to develop an ordinance to limit the unbridled growth in the number of vacation rentals. While tourism is an important part of our economy, overtourism is a threat to our rural island character, fragile natural environment and long-term rental housing market. We are already seeing our ferry, police, health and water services being overtaxed, and neighborhoods being decimated as transients outnumber local residents in a number of areas.

The pandemic has made meeting and organizing to craft an ordinance a profound challenge. Please do not reopen the floodgates before this important work is in place.

Thank you,  
Andrea Cohen