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My husband has been coming to the island since 1996 and myself since 2012, however we both live currently in Seattle. Our home on the island has been a long-term dream and effort to eventually live full-time on San Juan Island. We are not millionaires or part of the tech elite that have moved to WA. My husband is a civil engineer and I am a recruiter. We've worked very hard to make our dream come true and are getting closer to creating the opportunity to move to the island full time. Without purchasing our island home and being able to rent in out 50%, we would never have been able to fulfill this dream. Many of our nearest and dearest are permanent residents of this island, this is our home and without the option to rent, we could not be here. It is unclear to me why some people believe that only some should get to enjoy a piece of this earth, put their gated sign on it and tell others to stay out. So many of our good friends on this island rely on tourism to survive and Vrbo's give guests to the island a place to stay. It's those people that matter on this island, not just the million dollar home owners that visit once a year and have their property sit empty. It matters to us that this island still provides people like my husband and me the opportunity to visit or live on the island. I do not appreciate elitist mentality where some believe they get to play god and decide whose rich enough to enjoy the island. Without thinking of how a drop in tourism will not only effect countless small businesses, local hard-working islanders, and not afford people like my husband and me an opportunity to live here, is short-sighted, selfish, and a mis-use of the power you were elected to exercise.

I am asking that the Moratorium be revoked. The changes that were made by the Council in 2018 are working and if those cease to work.

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