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To: San Juan County Planning Commission and San Juan County Council

I'm writing to support the letter sent to you on 11 August 2021 from David Turnoy and others regarding the establishment of caps on Vacation Rental Permits (VRPs) in San Juan County (SJC).

I have lived full time, year-round on Orcas Island for 14 years. In that time the island has changed considerably, and not for the better. I used to know my neighbors, now I never know who they are as I'm surrounded by vacation rentals. Parking in town has become more difficult. Ferry reservations are more difficult. Traffic has increased. Crowds are everywhere seemingly year round.

I moved to Orcas for the quiet and peaceful natural environment, and to be part of a small community where I know my neighbors. When I saw the proposed cap of 500 VRPs for Orcas my immediate reaction was oh, that's way too high for this little island. Please set a more appropriate number with special attention to residents who live here year round and not investors who are already changing the character of our island.

Thank you for your time.
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