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Dear San Juan County Planning Commission,

My name is Tina Grace. I live in Bellingham full time, but travel to Orcas Island once a month to our vacation home, which I plan on making my retirement home one day. We are ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY and are in close contact with 6 of our immediate neighbors and several friends throughout the island. We bought the land in 2012, built the house in 2013, and paid \$2300 for our VR Permit in 2014. Since then I have been renting the house as a way to pay for the maintenance and upkeep of the home. I'm 54 yrs old and probably have another 11 years before I can retire and become a full-time member of the community. I got married at Rosario Resort in 1998 and since then I have been coming back to Orcas several times every year. My 13-yr old son has spent his whole life coming to the island. In fact, he looks forward to our monthly trips. He enjoys visiting with neighbors and riding his bike into town.

In keeping the house active and well maintained these are some of the local businesses I have hired: Orcas Electric, Orcas Island Concierge, Orcas Island Freight Lines, Bion Plumbing, Odie Plumbing, Tony's Terrific Carpet Care, Salt Spray Window Cleaning, D&M Home Services, San Juan Interiors, Island Sash & Door, Orcas Island Hardware, Island View Construction, Sands Inc

Besides contributing to the economy with the above local businesses I also have a local housekeeper who takes care of, cleans, and removes the trash from the house between each guest. This is a vital source of income for our housekeeper.

AND I also pay San Juan County Accommodations Tax (\$1025.80) and San Juan County General Sales and Use Tax (\$886.60) and Washington State General Sales and Use Tax (\$3333.93) for a total of \$1912.40 each year. And since the VR Permit has been in place for the last 7 years that's approximately \$13,387 in County revenue.

Please DO NOT limit caps so drastically that others have NO CHANCE of one day owning a home in San Juan County.

Thank you, Tina Grace
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