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As a resident of San Juan County, I request that you respect and hear our voices and honor the decision made in good faith by the Planning Commissioners on August 20th, 2021, to freeze the number of vacation rental (VR) permits at the “Active and Compliant” number of 413 along with the associated island-specific caps.

Because Vacation rentals are high-traffic, high-turnover, public-facing business operations that enter uninvited into our residential neighborhoods, and because they hold undeniable power to transform a community forever, today we urge you to certify that we need relief – meaningful guardrails – to protect our homes and neighborhoods from this power.

Thank you for hearing our voices.