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Thank you for all the time and effort you have put into considering the pros and cons of capping the number of vacation rentals in the islands.

Having the option to become a vacation rental host on my property is a way for my island family to prosper. I've lived on the island since 1984 and have zero negative experiences with vacation rentals nor do I know anyone who has. In fact it was vacation rentals that got me started as a commercial photographer and website developer.

I feel the short term rental industry is a scape-goat for the conditions caused by the incredible pandemic ignited economic bull run, six trillion dollars injected into the economy, and zoom enabled telecommuters.

A cap will harm ferry ridership, local businesses and their employees. The cap would be taking away economic mobility from many by removing an entire critical industry the islands have to offer.

If any cap is instated it should be **subject to review three years from now** and should be as high a cap as possible on San Juan Island. Also; it would only make sense to set it as a percentage of homes rather than a number of homes.

Thank you

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