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Hi, I am the owner of a vacation rental on Lopez island. First of all, I want to say that I bought a home here because I love Lopez. I am invested in maintaining the character and community of the island. I consider it an honor to be able to open my home to share this amazing place with others. We do not depend on our rental income but see many adventures to keeping our house occupied with short term guests. We primarily rent our house in the summer months and some in the off season when we aren't able to enjoy it ourselves. Our home would never be available as housing because we use it frequently and want to maintain flexibility in its use. We are friendly with all our neighbors, our house is secluded on peninsula road and some of our neighbors also rent out their home. We have not had any complaints from our neighbors. Occasionally we have our own complaints about our guests, but working with our local vacation manager we find things easily sorted. We are vigilant in maintaining our vacation rental permit and home. In doing so- we provide jobs for island residents and have built relationships with local people. I understand the need for affordable housing on the islands and support efforts to solve this issue, but limiting vacation rental permits doesn't seem like a solution. Most vacation rentals would not become affordable housing. I do not support establishing caps on rental permits. If caps are established I vote for option C. The tourist economy is vital to the livelihood of many island residents and increasing awareness of our special place helps to maintain the environment. What people don't know they cannot love and will not protect.

Thank you for your consideration, Pippin Christiansen Peninsula Road, Lopez

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