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Hello, I am writing to comment on the proposed vacation rental cap. It seems that existing approved vacation rentals that are compliant but have designated themselves as inactive may be impacted. Please let me know if I am wrong.

We bought our home on San Juan Island in 2013 and it came with an approved vacation rental permit. It is a large house (3300 sq. ft.) and at the time we bought it, had a partially finished basement. It was always our plan to remodel the basement and eventually exercise our ability to use the basement as a vacation rental.

When the regulations changed and we had to file for compliance, we stated that our vacation rental was inactive and we have maintained that compliance every year since.

In 2020, we remodeled the basement, creating a separate space with a bathroom, bedroom and living room. Covid hit just as we began remodeling and so we took this time to paint and redecorate the space, again keeping our status as inactive through 2021.

We're finishing up the remodel and have been discussing with property management firms how we can use the space as a vacation rental, and certainly want the option to do so. We have invested \$100,000 in the space in order to make it an attractive space for vacationers and complied with all County regulations.

With inflation and rising costs, we are counting on the income from this space in the future. The "inactive" status of our property should not be used in consideration of the vacation rental cap.

Thank you for your consideration,
Phil & Nadine Cook
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