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To: Gabriola2050
Subject: Support for Allowing Short-Term Rentals to Sustain Gabriola's Vibrant Community

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Dear Islands Trust Gabriola Team,

I'm writing to express my concern about the current restrictions surrounding short-term rentals on Gabriola Island, particularly the burdensome application process that makes it difficult for homeowners to offer accommodations to visitors.

As a member of this community, I've witnessed firsthand how essential tourism is to our local economy. Artists, vendors, small businesses, and service providers all depend heavily on seasonal visitors. Unfortunately, the lack of available, flexible accommodation is becoming a barrier—not just for tourists, but for the financial well-being of the incredibly talented individuals who make this island so unique.

Short-term rentals provide a much-needed alternative to limited hotel or B&B options, offering visitors authentic, community-based stays that support local homeowners directly. With clear, responsible guidelines, we can allow these rentals to exist in a way that preserves the character of Gabriola while embracing the very tourism that keeps our community thriving.

I urge the Trust to reconsider the current application process and explore a more inclusive, streamlined policy that recognizes the

role short-term rentals play in sustaining our creative and economic landscape.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our island.

Warm regards,

Francisco Moises

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