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Subject: Hornby Island STVR support letter

Hello Sue.

I am a vacation rental owner. My listing is Acre on the Waterfront. We purchased this property in the fall 2006 after spending so many years raising our children on Hornby each summer before they were born so 1979. Unfortunately my husband passed in 2010 he had only 3 summers in our dream home. Needless to say finances were tough so I started renting out time that I was not on Hornby. At that time it was Christmas holidays, Easter, Spring Break.

I spend more and more time on Hornby just recently being the month of August and usually at least a week a month or more in the off season. I would say 80% of my rentals (my people) are repeat and I know them well after all these years. They are now raising their children as we raised ours. Respectful, environmental, treading lightly on this island paradise.

I'm not sure why the change of direction happened so quickly for vacation rentals, but of course the number of visitors speak for themselves and ferry waits contribute to that. Kinda ironic that my neighbour is on the Island trust committee but her family rents from me and has for many years. Not sure how the committee members are chosen and if they represent all the views of Hornby? But I digress.

I don't want to imagine having to apply for TUI permit, which has an expiry date when I believe I am a very responsible person and do not have randoms renting from me. I only rent to new people who tell me about themselves and I have strict guidelines around water usage, septic and more. I have signed agreements from everyone who rents from me even when they are repeats. I ask them to water my gardens when dry, do little jobs and more, they are all willing to comply wanting to help me keep my little slice of paradise.

I will not consider renting my place off season as I love being on the island year round and have many friends on Hornby and I volunteer at various events, like the Herring festival, Hornby Island Community Fund and rummage sales.

A good portion of my rental income goes to local service people for cleaning, yard maintenance, roofing, tree falling, landscaping, plumbing, electrical and so much more. Of course add property tax, internet, hydro, etc.

I'm not sure what the thinking is around limiting Vacation Rentals to 3 months? Why cram everyone into this limited time frame of course I realize families with children have limited months but others especially seniors and those without kids like the off season. All visitors contribute to the island economy and keep local businesses' vibrant including the Co-op with so many staff.

Well there you go, this is my story, thank you for reading my thoughts and for your consideration to vote no to limit and restrict vacation rentals to less than 5 months. We really are

a good group of community minded people it really shouldn't be a Them against Us.

Jane