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**To:** northinfo  
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Dear Mr. Eby,

WE all understand the seriousness of the homeless and housing crisis in BC. Governments are grasping at strategies to improve the lots of many struggling to secure a place to live. However, my fundamental rights are being violated in this process.

We have owned a summer cottage on Hornby for 24 years. Both my hub and I work in Vancouver and enjoy visits to the cottage all year round. We offer our cottage for vacation rentals when we are not there. This rental income has allowed us to pay for and maintain our home. WE pay income taxes on the rent we receive, employ locals, ensure our home, septic, water is to code, we pay into Work safe- in short we do all that we should.

Our Islands Trust is currently in discussions about eliminating short term rentals. We would not put our cottage on the rental market so it would not improve the availability for long term housing for the island. WE rely on the income we receive through vacation rentals. This has been our long term, life's plan for retirement.

Why would the province want to squash this? This is our personal home. We have worked hard for it, What right does the government have to take this?

Thank you for taking the time to hear me.

Jane Banks