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**Cc:** Karen Ross  
**Subject:** Vacation Rental Cap

Dear Trustees

I am writing with disappointment and concern that there is consideration being given to limiting summer rentals on Hornby Island.

I am an off-island property owner. My family and I have been visiting Hornby every year since 1983 and many times a year since we became property owners in the early 1990s.

In addition to visiting Hornby frequently during the year we stay for at least five weeks during July and August. We have for many years rented out our house for 3 or 4 weeks in the summer months and occasionally a week in June or September. Our summer renters are by and large the same people every year. The renters who stay in our home adore Hornby. Many of them have family or friends on Hornby and have a strong love and affinity for the Island. I would hate to have to tell these island lovers that they are no longer welcome to rent my beautiful home.

I limit the number of renters to 6 persons at any one time and to week long rentals. I have a rain water collection system so we do not draw on that precious underground resource, so important and scarce on Hornby.

From an economic standpoint I can imagine that limiting summer rentals on Hornby would be a significant hardship to the businesses which rely on summer trade. I don't know how they would make up for that loss of patronage - the co-op, the restaurants, the rentals, (and sadly I believe that the bike shop has shut down which is a significant loss to visitors), Ford Cove store, the water taxi service, the artists and crafters, the Festival, the donors to the island charities, and more.

In many respects limiting rentals would have the kind of economic effect that placing a tariff on visiting might have. It would almost certainly create economic hardship and strain the financial viability of many islanders. Some islanders already living on the financial margins would be forced to move. Thereby creating a downward economic and social spiral.

I appreciate that many of the islanders have an ambivalent feeling toward the summer visitors but it is with both appreciation and a sigh of relief that the Big Wave happens on Labour Day.

I would say to you "DON'T DO IT"

With respect

Maurice Bloch

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