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Dear Committee Members:

We write to oppose a proposed change to vacation rental unit policy on Hornby Island. It is our understanding that the proposed measure would significantly reduce the available number of short term vacation rental units, through a system of Temporary Use Permits (TUPs), issued and regulated by the ITC.

As owners of a short-term vacation rental home, we share responsibility for stewardship of the Island, support continued changes to reduce environmental impacts, and to contribute to the community. We consider ourselves a part of the Hornby community, as well as providers of a valued service to off-Island visitors.

1. Hornby Island is a treasure shared by all British Columbians, indeed all Canadians. **It is not a private preserve.** Witness the significant investments made by the Province in expansion of the ferry system serving Hornby Island. This investment of taxpayer dollars is to benefit British Columbians by improving access and facilitating Island tourism.
2. The **availability of short-term rental accommodation is essential to the continued access to the Island by visitors.** In the summer, even with the current number of available rental units, visitor accommodation is oversubscribed. Reducing the number of available vacation rentals would prevent hundreds of families from visiting Hornby each year.
3. **A cap administered by the ITC is arbitrary and poses obvious issues of transparency and fairness.** By what criteria will the ITC select the chosen few? Will temporary use permits, as the name suggests, be "temporary", so a given unit is available one year, but not the next? What protections does this proposal include to guard against undue influence in the allocation of these arbitrarily scarce permits?

Thank you for your consideration.

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Owners of Grassy Point Retreat

