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Mayor Ron Brean  
City of Yachats  
P. O. Box 345  
Yachats, OR 97498

Dear Mayor Brean,

My name is Janet Potter and my husband, Mark, and I own a lovely home in Yachats at [redacted]. We use it exclusively as a vacation home at present, but have looked into making it a vacation rental for the part of the year when we are not there enjoying the magic of Yachats ourselves.

I have been made aware of discussions regarding limiting the number of vacation rentals or eliminating them altogether. I have read the pros and cons and can see each side. I must say, however, that reducing the number of these income-generating properties would have a major negative impact on both the owners and the town. In these days of fiscal distress, it seems imprudent to reduce this source of income for Yachats.

Losing the funds generated by vacation rentals not only would impact the town, but many of its residents and businesses, thus hurting Yachats even more.

It has come to my attention that a minuscule number of very outspoken individuals have vehemently let their opinions be known about this matter; that they would like to see vacation rentals eliminated altogether. While I respect their opinions as I do of all, fully appreciating anyone's First Amendment rights, I also fervently believe in democracy, and that is what is most important in this matter. To allow the few to manipulate the many is just plain wrong!

I understand that there are some in town who believe that the opinions of those who are not full-time residents (like us) are not acceptable. May I remind them that we pay the same rate of taxes as do they, therefore making our voices equal to anyone's.

I certainly hope that you, duly elected by the citizens of Yachats, will remain neutral in this situation and hear the concerns of the all the people you represent.

In appreciation of your time, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Janet Potter