

I work and live in Lincoln city, a very small coastal town based on tourism during the summer and stormy winter months. We are fortunate enough to have no VRD's in our neighborhood. We dont have to worry about traffic at all hours of the night and day, parties, break-ins, and parking. When I first moved here I lived across from a very popular VRD. I had to fight them everyday during the summer for parking on my property. There was a constant stream of people in and out at all hours of the day- similar traffic to a drug house. They are not enjoyable to live near. I teach at Samaritan Early Learning Center, one of very few child care centers in town. We are struggling to find staff who are qualified, and want to work and a can find housing. Many of our staff have room mates because they can not afford even the "crappy" apartments in town, and those have outrageous wait lists. Rent for a small 3 bedroom 2 bath house is almost \$1500 a month! There is a huge housing crisis in our twin, as well as across the state. By taking away the local governments VRD control, you are giving way to allow the select few houses that are available for locals to be used for out of town guests. Many VRDs sit vacant a majority of the year. My family of 3 make a good salary, but can not find affordable housing to buy because any decent house is sold just as fast as it is listed. By allowing more freedom on VRDs you will be taking even more housing away from communities who struggle. If their is no housing for people who work here, they will move away, thus making our wonderful town slowly die. I ask you to consider both sides of the community when you make your choice on VRDs. They need to be controlled to allow a healthy balance of housing and VRDs. Lincoln City has been doing a decent job at this, my opinion is that we have more than enough. Please vote against taking away the local governments rights to monitor and control VRDs. Oregon's economy depends on it.

Sincerely, Melissa Collard