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RE: S.B. 621 - Vacation Rentals

To whom it may concern:

My husband and I moved to Yachats, Oregon because of the incredible community it is. Communities are what make places home.

As a home owner who was able to gain entry into Yachats through the ability of vacation renting my home part-time I understand what it means to be able to earn income from your home. That being said I also fully understand and realize that the ability to rent out my home should be regulated. We lived half the year in our home which made us a part of the neighborhood. We had every intention of making Yachats our forever home but needed time to financially make that dream come true. We felt obligated to making sure that the house and neighborhood were well cared for. We met and became friends with neighbors creating an interconnected community of people who care for one another and our neighborhood and city. That is not what happens when homes are bought simply as investments to be rented out. And this is exactly how I see realtors pitching homes these days; as investments rather than places to live and raise families.

If this bill passes Oregon will lose something very special; its communities. Allowing full scale investment in Oregon's communities with no regulations in place is tantamount to willingly destroying, and selling off, what most of us hold dear - a sense of place and belonging to a community.

Sincerely yours,

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