Dear Oregon Senator Betsy Johnson and Senate Committee,

I am writing in regards to senate Bill 621 introduced by Senator Girod and to urge you to vote NO.

Senate Bill 621 would prohibit any local government from enforcing any ordinance restricting use of residential dwellings as a vacation rental dwelling (VRD). Local governments that currently regulate short term rentals have spent countless hours creating thoughtful and specific guidelines that suite their communities unique needs. Short term rentals are an increasingly serious livability issue in coastal towns. Basic economic concepts like supply and demand can explain to any layperson how decreasing the available supply of long term rental homes will drive up the cost of long term rentals.

How can Oregon pass legislation to allow rent control one week to try and help solve the 'housing crisis' and then introduce a bill to deregulate short term rentals the next?

Additionally, according to the Lincoln County assessor's website, Senator Girod owns over 5 CITY BLOCKS in Depot Bay used for vacation rentals. This seems like a blatant conflict of interest at best, and down right corruption at worst.

Again, please vote no on Senate Bill 621.

Thank you very much,

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