

Dear Senator Roblan

I have read the text of SB 621 prohibiting the restriction of use of dwellings for vacation rentals.

I believe this proposal to be ill conceived because it will remove an important level of local control, abrogate long standing zoning practices in all municipalities and place future vacation rental development under the control of third party business interests such as AirBnB. This bill would be especially destructive for already highly impacted tourist destinations such as Newport where less than 25% of the vacation rentals in this jurisdiction are operated by Lincoln County residents, and both property management and booking are largely carried out by businesses outside of Oregon. Residential zones are now suffering severe loss of community because of short term rental use and our housing supply is being adversely influenced by ever increasing vacation rentals; such a bill would prevent any local means to correct the damage being done to our communities by the vacation rental industry. Please do what you can to stop this ill advised piece of legislation from moving forward.

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