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In light of its many adverse impacts, I believe the short term rental of a house (STR) destroys the vital sense of community in residential neighborhoods. Neighbors are replaced by absentee landlords who rent to transient occupants with no interest in the community. The problems with the constant turnover of overnight visitors are exacerbated (1) in fire country, such as in the Upper Wenatchee Valley, where a preponderance of renters come from a marine environment (Puget Sound) where wildfire risks are low and (2) in fragile ecosystems, such as lakefront properties, protected by Washington's Shoreline Management Act and other environmental regulations. STRs drive up home prices, creating an unacceptable shortage of affordable housing.

Further, the law in Chelan County does not allow STRs. Not having enforced its own land use ordinances and regulations over the last ten years, the County should not

now retroactively authorize the unlawful status of STR's that has come to exist in our community. Please enforce the law. Businesses — including sole proprietors — possess no enforceable rights and no lawful expectation to obtain the County's retroactive or prospective blessing to operate commercial STRs in residential communities in Chelan County.

Thank you.

Chris Weiss