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Dear Chelan County Commissioners:

We are sending our 4th letter hoping to emphasize to you how critical we believe this issue is to full time residents. Please consider the following:

- Your stated goals in the Chelan County Comprehensive Plan are good. Please follow that plan.
- Affordable housing is the most critical objective that you should strive for.
- As you know in our 98826 zip code, the amount of STRs is well over 15%, higher than any of the comparable tourist areas you have been looking at for comparison. 5% or less would be a reasonable goal.
- For all the reasons you have heard many times, absentee owner rentals are not compatible in residential areas. Maybe not stressed so much in the past, but generally these areas are also small lots which accentuates the impact of STRs on residents. All the more reason to eliminate such STRs in such zoning.
- Existing STRs must be sunsetted/phased out, we believe within 1 (one) year. Neighborhood impact and affordable housing cannot wait 5 (five) years.
- Enforce maximum number of occupants and per bedroom guidelines consistent with septic and building permits.
- Your decisions should be clearly biased toward Chelan county residents versus out of county STR owners.

Thank you for taking on this important issue.

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