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To whom it may concern,
I am very pleased that this is a subject of action. It has been very overwhelming to be able to see the increase of tourists over last several years and basically decreasing quality of life for locals. The proximity to Seattle makes it obvious place for people to go and especially now during Corona times. This community has so much to offer to families and it has been an amazing experience to have 2 kids growing up here.
My husband and I came from Seattle and we are trying to be tolerant but it is hard to watch our street to be overrun by people from Airbnbs houses and there were numerous situations when police was called due to noise. Other thing is living on Shore street watching the crazy amount of people parking by the river and never-ending floats of people on Icicle, one of the houses should have maximum 8 people and I counted about 11 cards and people slept in the tents around the house. A couple times this year people passed me on Icicle road going at least 50 ml. It is easy to get used to being busy on weekends and not go in the town but it seems it has been harder and harder to find time when it is not super busy; weekends seemed to extended to rest of the week. There is another consequence which makes me sad to watch moving young families away from Leavenworth b/c they can't effort to buy houses here.
At the same time, I have friends with Airbnb business and they are amazing and they have control over noise and amount of people.
We are just people and it is about following rules and with increased numbers it seems to be harder and harder.
Best regards
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