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Chelan County Commissioners:
I understand that you are currently discussing potential changes to short term vacation rental regulations in your county. We would strongly urge you to reconsider this.
Our family has been vacationing in the Leavenworth area for the past 15 years. Prior to finding a perfect vacation rental for our family, we would stay in local hotels. This was a challenge with two small children at the time. With no kitchen facilities, we would need to eat out, three meals a day. The places our small children could run around and explore were limited. Oftentimes, the hotels were noisy at night and at times when our children napped.
However, this all changed when we found a vacation rental in Leavenworth. This was a condo with a kitchen, with lots of open space for our kids to play. The kitchen allowed us to eat "at home" making life much easier with kids. The larger unit meant more space for our family (vs. a hotel room), more privacy, and more peace and quiet. Our kids could nap in the quiet of their bedroom, instead of a one room hotel room adjacent to the noisy pool. It was heavenly! So much so, that we have been returning to the same spot for the last 10 years.
Just thinking that this vacation rental option may be restricted and thus unavailable for rent, is heartbreaking! If we were no longer able to rent a unit such as this from a local owner, there is no way we would ever vacation in Chelan County again. Rather, we would rent in another county that allowed such accommodations. In normal time, this has been our favorite way to travel, renting an amazing home, condo, or cabin from a local owner. However, in especially in these times, I can think of no better, or safer, way to vacation. We can stay in our own unit, cook our own meals, and not have to venture out in public. This is the perfect vacation in these most precarious times. We urge you to reconsider adding restrictions to these Chelan County rentals.
Thank you for your consideration,
Dr. and Mrs. Peter Kudenchuk
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