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I am against changes to the code which would limit the availability of short term rentals. WIth a family of 5, I'm able to travel to vacation towns only if I can rent a home such as a condo. I recently rented such a home in Leavenworth. The property manager was amazing. We corresponded many times first so she could address my specific questions about COVID safety and preparedness. It was pretty great to get away from home for a few days since we've been quarantined so long. However I would not have felt safe in a hotel. (Also a family of 5 would require 2 rooms in a hotel so even in ordinary times this is untenable.) The money we brought into the community was via rental fees (paid to the local resident who works as a property manager for a handful of rentals), restaurant fees (takeout of course), and tubing rentals. Without the condo rental we would have just stayed home in Seattle. The same will be true for our future vacations in this area.
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