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Commissioners,

My husband and I moved here from the westside of Los Angeles a little over 5 years ago. When we purchased a home in Kahler Glen, near Lake Wenatchee, there were no short term rentals. We live on a street with only 7 homes and now there are 4 large houses that are rented with no owner present. We experience many problems due to these rentals and we witness the abusive treatment of our golf coarse and other natural resources in our area. Coming from the city and living with alarm systems, we were excited to live peacefully but now we no longer feel safe leaving our doors unlocked or ours windows open because of the many strangers in our community. We have almost been hit several times coming out of our driveway by cars racing up and down our street. The amount of traffic on our short street is staggering. Many of the renters seem to have little regard for the beauty and tranquility of our community. We find beer cans thrown on our property and have had people actually walk into our house thinking that our house was the one they were renting. They would then proceed to argue with us that we were the intruders. Do we need to keep our doors locked even when we are home? In the winter we have had people blocking our driveway or actually in our driveway, putting on chains, making it impossible for us to get in our garage until they are finished. Or they will come unprepared for driving in the snow and slide into our banks and have to be dug out. They party and have no consideration for anyone with the noise they create and the foul language they use. This is no longer the community that we moved to. I think it is wrong that we, as home owners, have to close our windows at night so we don't hear the noise from their parties or have the ability to sit on our deck without hearing the party next door or up the street or down from us. This isn't even taking into account the amount of trash they generate and the abuse to our septic system etc. We pay for needed repairs, extra garbage bins, the cleaning out and repairs to the septic system etc. with our dues and assessments. And much of this is due to overuse and abuse of our facilities.

We have talked with full time residents who are ready to put their house on the market because of STRs and the problems they cause. I have not talked to one full time resident in our community or others in this Plain valley that is happy with the behaviors of renters.
Are you, as our Commissioners, taking our needs into consideration or just the needs of those making so much money on these rentals? The city of Leavenworth has managed to limit STRs to only when an owner is present on the property. I don't see why this can't be extended to Chelan County.

Thank you for your consideration,
Pam Mullen and Jim McVay