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I know you have bombarded for months with letter from both sides of the STR regulation subject, but feel I have to plead with you before you make your final decisions.

We live on a single lane road up a mountain side with blind corners. A vacation rental party house called Silver Spruce Lodge is next door owned by Jill Rockwell, the same owner as the Red Roof Lodge you have heard so much about. The reason you have not heard more about Silver Spruce is because it's on a mini mountainside and we are the only neighbors on the road. Our other neighbors are down the hill on Suncrest Drive just off North Rd. Her guest's vehicle speed up and down this road blaring music out of their vehicles without a care in the world that we or our own guests may be coming down the road or that we have a game trail where deer, wild turkeys and other wildlife cross to get a drink out of the canal.

This vacation rental is on 2.51 acres, however each of our acreage is narrow with the bulk behind and in front of us, so it is not far from our house at all. Jill has no manager or even anyone to come when issues arise in winter and in summer. The manager she has listed on her website is bogus. I tried looking them up with the Dept. Of Revenue and there is no business under the name of Cascade Mountain Escapes. Anyone can get a Leavenworth PO Box and a Leavenworth cell phone. I am sure she will use this bogus company as a manager in the area when she lives in the Seattle area.

The emotional stress this rental has brought us in the last several years is off the charts. We own a Bed & Breakfast and have advertised it is peaceful and quiet here, however that is no longer the case. Our own guests comment constantly about the parties and noise going on next door day and night so much so many will not return as they nor we can enjoy the outdoors on our patios/decks due to the noise level. Our business has suffered in addition the stress that it has caused us wondering with every new group that comes what it will bring.

These rentals are illegal and belong in commercial zones. Party buses come across our drive day and night as the rental has an easement on our property that was there before we purchased our property. It was a four bedroom home and the primary residence of our neighbor. He sold it several years ago and now we have a rental party house. Weddings, birthdays, events, bachelorette and bachelor parties are the norm. There is never enough parking and the buses have to park on our property to bring people back and forth. This is all in front of our own guests who are trying to enjoy the outdoors. We have had aerial fireworks among the pines and firs across from our property even with firework and burn bans on. We are afraid to go anywhere

during the summer months wondering if our home will be still standing when we return. We have chased her guests off our property who have been smoking cigarettes over dried, tall weeds and grasses. The home is 4 bedrooms but she sleeps 16. 2 weeks ago people even pitched tents as they needed more sleeping arrangements.Our guests told us about it when they were playing horseshoes one night.

I know that you will not be eliminating these rentals even though they are illegal but for heaven's sake, PLEASE increase the acreage to 10 as oppose to 2.5. It is just not enough for the noise level these party houses bring. This was to be our retirement home and we are no reconsidering if we will need to move again to somewhere with more acreage. Our friend moved from their home last year as they were surrounded by 3 STR's off Icicle Lane and just couldn't handle all the partying and disrespect for others property.

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