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Good Day Chelan County Commission,
It is my understanding that on Tuesday August 11, the commission will determine the policy for nightly rentals in my neighborhood. I live with my husband at 12640 Icicle Place in Leavenworth. We are long time residents of Leavenworth and have seen changes in our community over the years. Some have been beneficial and others clearly not so.

The traffic on highway 2 is untenable. This is more than a weekend occurrence. Since becoming a major tourist destination for thousands the impact on this community has been severe. We have all read the statistics on nightly rentals and have seen the demise of neighborhoods because of it. It must come to a halt if we want to sustain a reasonable lifestyle for those of us who live here, work and plan to remain in our homes.

It is clear that nightly rentals negatively impact a neighborhood. There is no connection to community involvement, neighborly contact and children being part of this town. These are the damaging aspects of healthy community life. More immediate is the impact on the life enjoyment for those of us who must bare the noise, multiple vehicle travel and parking and the frequent rowdiness of transient visitors. More than once the police were called to our neighborhood to quell raucous partying usually encouraged by excessive drinking. The trash, cigarette remains and alcohol containers have become a daily occurrence in my neighborhood.

Commissioners, please consider how you would feel if this threatened your home. We beseech you to put a cap on this policy and realize this is not an investment opportunity for out of towners. It is our home, our investment and our lifestyle on the edge of extinction.

Karen Turner
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