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Bob Bugert,
First off congrats on your position with the county, I voted for you and met you at Icicle Brewing Company with Anne Hessburg.

I am writing you because I recently purchased a home on Saunders Road in petshastin. I planned on making it a short term rental. I recently lost my job at Icicle Brewing company due to covid and it would be helpful to have additional income as I have a newborn and 2 mortgages. I was a little shocked that an unincorporated UGA can twist the county code that doesn't define short term rentals in the code. The UGA claims that these folks don't eat and shop in petshastin, which is funny because other then the old mill and petshastin store there really isn't anywhere else to do so. However they do pay lodging taxes and create jobs within the county. STRs generate 51 million in taxable revenue and 1500 jobs in chelan county last year. Guests spent 40 million in goods and services in the county. This is huge for our county.

Our home is in a great area for short term as it's just off the highway and not in a neighborhood with a bunch of residents. Our neighbors are orchards, bluestar, and a storage business. In my humble opinion the UGA should pull directly from the county code so we don't have all these exceptions in the code for one offs. I understand that the UGA in Leavenworth would pull from city code as it eventually will be annexed into the city. But an unincorporated UGA should be required to follow county code as its governed by the county.

I request would like to request one of the following options.

-Reconsider the Peshastin UGA code with SPOT zoning laws. These are unconstitutional and extremely unfair.

-Consider issuing us a conditional use permit.

-Allow us to rezone as our location is a perfect spot to house tourists and allow them to enjoy views of the Wenatchee river.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I know that together we can solve this issue and help the residents in chelan county with tax revenue.

Thanks
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