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To Whom It May Concern,

My wife and I have a property in Guerneville CA that we rent out as a short term rental. We stay every few months ourselves as well as a way to get away from our daily grinds of working in the bay area. We take great pride in having a clean, safe property for guests to stay in while they visit the Russian River.

We believe that short term rentals are important to the local community of Guerneville, and Sonoma County in a wider view. Our guests are of the top most caliber and bring revenue to local shops, restaurants, and parks. We make a point to employ local residents of Guerneville and the surrounding neighborhoods in maintaining our property- that includes cleanings, local property management, handyman services, plumbers, electricians, and spa maintenance teams. I strongly believe that this partnership helps the surrounding communities' residents. This work for them is crucial in their day to day lives and income, and we take pride in ensuring our relationships with them are excellent. Further, our neighbors have never had significant concerns with our property as our guests have never violated any noise ordinances or other penalties. We ensure we have the highest level of guest screening as well, which leads to this healthy balance of running a short term rental, and maintaining good relationships with neighbors. In fact, many neighbors rent from us as the property is maintained well and given our close relationship.

We obey each law and file local and county tax returns, including reporting the occupancy taxes that are paid on our behalf quarterly. We have legitimate permits to run our rental, and take pride in doing things by the book.

I hope that the board that meets to discuss potential restrictions or ordinances to Sonoma County vacation rentals takes this into consideration, as I know I am not the only one who feels this way. Short term rentals support local communities by employing residents of the nearby towns, supplies significant revenue for the surrounding businesses, and additionally brings in revenue to the counties in the way of occupancy taxes.

I am in favor of continuing this relationship, and hope the board does not impose further restrictions on short term rentals in Sonoma County.

Thank you for your time.

Jerry Tsai

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