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## **EXTERNAL**

Dear Gary Helfrich,

I am writing with concern regarding your consideration to put CAPS on Vacation Rentals. I am a Sonoma County Resident and native. I grew up here. I've run my businesses here and my wife birthed our children here.

We would like to request that you do not put CAPS on vacation rentals. It just is not fair practice and it is a CAP on our economy. We bought our property and as property owners we should have the right to use our home to help us generate income that is essential to our livelihood and supporting our children.

We rely heavily on being able to vacate our home strategically throughout the year and to be able to rent it out to short term renters when we're away. We would experience financial strain and possibly the inability to afford making our mortgage payments and rising costs if we don't preserve the right and ability to rent it out to short term renters. While we may already have a permit, I can't imagine the strain if we were a family who needed this option but were denied it due to a new CAP.

We urge you to please consider not enacting any CAPS on vacation rentals.

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