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From: Kristy Charles, Foursight <kristy@foursightwines.com>
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To: pbscommissions
Subject: Vacation Rental Resolution Comment

Dear Commissioners,

As a business owner in non-incorporated Mendocino County (Anderson Valley) I believe that placing restrictions on short-term rentals to be a near-sighted solution to a large and complex issue. In our area there are very few hotel/motel or B&B rooms, and those that exist are often fully booked. During festivals and events, visitors often have to spill over to the coast and Ukiah — even with the current number of short-term rentals available. The fewer rentals in our valley means more cars on the roads and fewer dollars spent here for evening meals, store supplies, gas, etc.

Short-term rentals offer visitors to the area a place to stay while supporting both property owners (not always from outside our area!) and our local businesses, including restaurants, wineries, shops and stores. The majority of our community is supported by tourism at this point, and it can be a tough road even in good times. By restricting short-term rentals with the eventual goal of reducing county-wide inventory, this will remove badly needed rooms for visitors to the county, especially in areas like ours. It will also reduce TOT taxes headed to the county and will not be the one silver bullet that solves housing inventory issues for locals.

Sincerely,

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