

Dear Senators,

My family lives in Gearhart, OR and we are writing in opposition to SB 621 because the bill voids the voice of our community. Locals turned out to heavily vote in favor of restrictions and guidelines for VBRs in our community. Unchecked, we were seeing parts our little town become "motel row" where no one actually lived - just a never-ending stream of strangers.

Another important consideration is health and safety. Before our ordinances were adopted we were able to document more than a few un-regulated VBRs as unsafe and borderline dangerous, often without adequate liability insurance. A primary aspect of our regulations is to make VBRs as safe as possible for all. If an un-regulated, un-insured VBR occupant were ever injured or, heaven help us, died, the city of Gearhart would be sued for millions for lack of oversight for these neighborhood businesses.

There are a plenty of regulated, tax-paying motels and hotels, appropriately zoned, in Gearhart if visitors want to come here. We voted to preserve our neighborhoods for neighbors!

This is America and every community has the right to govern itself as it sees fit. No small community needs the state to intrude as SB 621 would.

Respectfully,

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