

Hello!

I'm writing in support of Senate Bill 621. I feel strongly that vacation rentals are hugely beneficial to both families and local communities.

For families, vacation rentals are an opportunity to generate income on a second home that often sits unused and idle. For me personally, the ability to rent was the only way that we could afford to purchase our Sunriver vacation home. We wanted a property where our family could gather, one where we could make lifelong memories and have a piece of land to keep in our family for generations. The only way that we could make this dream a reality was to offset the cost with revenue from guests - guests that could utilize our home to make their own lifelong memories here.

For local communities, vacation rentals can create new job opportunities for people living in those markets while generating valuable tax income that can help develop and fuel local economies. Our local team does a fantastic job caring for our home and I feel so fortunate to have them supporting us.

Additionally, there is a misconception that vacation rentals add to the affordable housing crisis, which is inaccurate. Renting vacation homes in beach and mountain destinations does not involve the sort of housing we need to see more of to alleviate the affordable housing crisis. I strongly support Senate Bill 621 and urge officials to look into the economic benefits vacation rentals can provide to both families and local communities across the state of Oregon.

Best,
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