I have owned vacation rentals in Bandon, Oregon since 2003. Bandon is a vacation mecca for southern Oregon and northern California, one of the easiest places to get to the beach for them.

When we first purchased land and built a home for a vacation rental, we did it under the city guidelines. Since that time the city has significantly changed the law two times. The first time restricted the allowed density of vacation rentals in a neighborhood. We purchased two homes under that ordinance, and even with due diligence, had to take a significant risk that we would actually qualify. We bought another home that was already a vacation rental, and just had to renew that license. Now the law has changed again, so that the vacation rental status cannot be passed on with a sale. That means the business I have developed, and my many happy return guests, won't survive a sale. Someone else could jump in and grab the spot in the process of the sale. I estimate that this will reduce the property value of those homes by at least 25%.

While I love to vacation in my homes with family and friends, this is also my livelihood. There is a demand for vacation rentals, and I would like to be able to meet that, and let the market and supply and demand be governing factors. Normal regulations on noise and behavior are important, as well as our county health inspections, and they should be maintained.

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