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To: Senate Committee on Housing and Development

From: Andrew Mulkey, Senior Staff Attorney
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Re: SB 648, -1

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on and discuss on SB 648 and the -1). The hearing highlighted the confusion and disconnect between the bill, the amendment, and the intent. But more importantly, it highlighted the significant current challenges that vacation rentals pose to farming and forestry and to needed long term rentals for rural workers. We repeat the recommendation in our written testimony, to not pass either the bill or its amendment, but to instead form a work group to address the issue of home occupations and short term, vacation rentals in resource zones, to ensure they work *for* farmers and foresters and not against them.