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Fw: Short Term Rental Deregulation

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Hello,

I am writing pertaining to the discussion of deregulating short term rentals in Sandpoint.
I am a fifth generation Bonner County resident and vehemently oppose this suggestion.

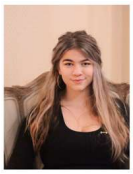
The anticipatory suggestion of deregulating STR's in order to avoid lawsuits does not reflect the values of this community and instead shows that the City will roll over anytime corporate interest rear their ugly head. By deregulating STR's, you once again affirm to outside interests that Sandpoint is for sale to the highest bidder.

I believe that the City needs to balance actual local values and quality of life in consideration of their desire to strengthen and protect the budget. Your priorities should be making Sandpoint affordable- deregulating STR's will create lack of housing in an already sparse market.

There are already numerous houses here that sit empty besides a few weeks in summer and a few weeks in winter- deregulation would exacerbate that issue exponentially. I have heard the mayor say he resents that Sandpoint is considered a resort town, yet the suggestion of deregulation seems to play into resort town interests.

I understand that there is a level of action every institution needs to take to prevent legal action against them, however this seems to be a case of offense out of cowardice and greed.
I would urge you to maintain current regulations for those of us who live and work here year-round.

Sincerely,
Olivia Caso



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