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Hello,

As a renter in Humboldt County and a professional who has worked on housing policy, I strongly support the County's efforts to regulate the number of Short Term Rentals in the Coastal Area.

Like all of California, the County is currently experiencing a housing crisis with a shortage of quality, affordable housing units available to rent. [Recent research from the Economic Policy Institute](#) shows that short term rentals reduce the supply of housing as properties shift from serving local residents to serving short-term travelers, which hurts local residents by raising housing costs.

With this in mind, I want to express my strong support for the ordinance, especially the short-term rental cap and per person limit currently included in the ordinance. I also encourage the County to consider placing an increased tax on short-term rental (similar to those in hotels) that can be used to help fund local programs focused on housing insecurity and homelessness.

Best,
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