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**To whom it May Concern:**

**Just prior to the 2008 economic collapse of this country, my wife and I had invested in homes for us in California, Colorado and Idaho.**

**We were retiring with other investments in securities and savings.**

**Our investments, like most Americans took a hard hit during those following years up to the present.**

**The real estate lost value and we were in fear of having to walk away from them due to high mortgages with little or no remaining equity.**

**For the first few years, we supported the real estate with savings. My wife had the idea to rent them on a vacation rental basis to help get us through the economic downturn.**

**We have been successful in keeping all the real estate due directly to the ability to rent them on a vacation short-term basis while we continue to enjoy them ourselves.**

**In the mean time, each property has recovered a majority of their values and we are beginning to sell them.**

**We lost approximately one half of our savings and securities investments during these past years, however have been able to pay the mortgages, property taxes, utilities and keep each property maintained and fresh for our guests and ourselves.**

**The published reviews for each property plainly reveal that our guests love our homes and appreciate us sharing them.**

**We have never had a single complaint from any of the neighbors and have maintained commercial insurance to cover all potential risks.**

**We have a difficult time believing that any government agency or municipality has the right to mandate how private residential property is occupied as residential property. There should be no distinction between a one-day, one-month or a three-month rental as long as the use is for residents to reside. Renting real property is the backbone of wealth building and always has been.**

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