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Subject: Short Term Rental Accommodations Act

Good afternoon Mark,

I'm writing to address my strong desire to have Naramata **OPT-IN** to BC's Short Term Rental Accommodations Act. Here's why:

My family and I have long enjoyed the beauty of the Okanagan, and when we finally were able to purchase a home here, we looked forward to being able to contribute in meaningful ways to the wonderful community. Unfortunately, the owners who built the ~~hotel~~ home next door to us at _____, have shown total disregard for our privacy and their negative impact on our quality of life. The consequences of their cost-cutting measures during building are showing through now as there seems to be a leak from their septic coming down the hill and actually threatening the very *foundation* of our home. As a mother of a young child, I am DEEPLY concerned about our safety if our next door neighbours are granted permission to rent out their home (without them living on the premises). It currently is advertised as being able to sleep 12: the owners have refused to put up a fence between our properties, and their outdoor stairs are a few feet away from our backyard (see photo below).

If Naramata does not opt-in, this type of issue will become the norm as more developers and individuals motivated by greed and turning a profit will drive out the families and individuals who have built and sustained this community.

Having more short term rentals will undoubtedly change the character of a neighbourhood for the worse, as most people who come to rent have very little incentive to preserve the local ecosystem, to be quiet and respectful of the neighbours or to contribute in a positive way. They have simply paid for the access to come here and enjoy their vacation, and let others clean up when they leave.

As you well know, having more short term rentals also puts a squeeze on long term housing for people working in the vineyards and in agriculture, both of which are vital to the community here in Naramata, and throughout the interior.

I understand that a lot of my neighbours have written in, and disappointingly have not gotten a response from our Area Director. As an elected representative of the people, I hope you take these concerns into account and I implore you to do the right thing.

To conclude, I would very much like to have Naramata **OPT-IN** to the Short Term Rental Accommodations Act.

Sincerely,

Angeli Gunn

