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**Re: Follow Up to Meeting with Premier Eby on STR Rules**

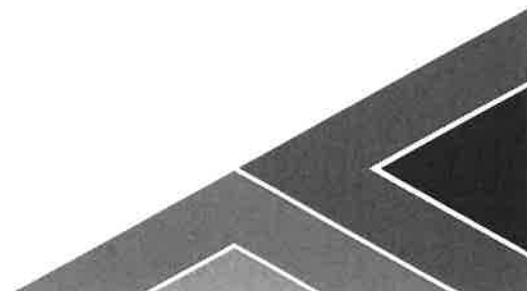
Premier Eby and MLA Sandhu,

We write to thank you for meeting with members of our Short Term Rental Task Force on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 to discuss some of the challenges and consequences the Short-Term Rental Accommodations legislation will have on our community.

As discussed, the impact on our local resort communities such as Predator Ridge and Outback Lakeside Resort, which are zoned for short-term resort commercial and residential tourism, is one of the primary concerns of the Task Force and our community as a whole.

With hundreds of jobs at risk and the financial impact on our tourism sector and economy, we again wanted to reiterate the recommendations from our letter sent to MLA Sandhu on December 22, 2023, they are as follows:

1. Consult with stakeholders to consider various impacts and unintended consequences of new rules. Stakeholders should include:
  - Municipalities and Regional Districts
  - Chambers of Commerce
  - Hotel/Tourism Association
  - Developers
  - Real Estate Associations



- Housing Associations
  - Economists
2. Allow municipalities to determine and apply for exempted areas through zoning for commercial tourism.
  3. Conduct a full review of the *Residential Tenancy Act* with significant improvement to add balance between landlords and tenants.
    - Specifically, to improve timelines on dispute resolutions and training for arbitrators.
  4. Meet with stakeholders to review, analyze, and disclose data from the new Short Term Rental legislation in one year to determine the success or impact of changes on housing, tourism and the economy to adjust as necessary.

The Greater Vernon Chamber Short Term Rental Task Force has made the foregoing recommendations to increase the level of success with this legislation and decrease negative impact on our community.

We are hopeful that you will take into consideration the concerns raised and the recommendations made.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce

Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing  
Kevin Falcon, Leader of the BC Official Opposition  
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District of Coldstream Mayor and Council  
Regional District of North Okanagan Board of Directors  
Okanagan Indian Band Chief and Council  
Okanagan-Shuswap Chambers of Commerce

