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Dear Madam Mayor and Councillors,

My name is Ioana Madularu. I am a homeowner in the Township of Esquimalt and live here with my husband and 10 month old baby. Having read the Short Term Rentals (STR) presentation posted in the Agenda minutes, I believe that the new regulations enforced by Bill 35 should be supported in the township of Esquimalt.

Homeowners should be allowed to have short term rentals in their primary residence like our neighboring cities: City of Victoria and City of Langford. I believe the restriction in the Township of Esquimalt limits homeowners, especially young families and limits affordability due to high mortgages. Some homes do not have the capacity to host long term, as they do not offer kitchens or a long term living environment; therefore, this does not limit long term housing from the market.

Passing this bill, would enable the township to gather more business opportunities and tourism that is currently being drawn out to places that do allow STR.

Passing Bill 35 would allow the township of Esquimalt to align with the current regulations in British Columbia. Even more, passing this law would help us align to a more equitable system that lines up with present-day standards in British Columbia.

Thank you,

Ioana Madularu