

HLU Committee

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We are Laurence and Sheryl Winter. We have owned a condo at Kahana Village for 28 years and it is our second home. We feel strongly against the passage of Bill 9 for many reasons, the following are some of them:

Based on the fact the county of Maui just received \$1.6 billion from the federal government to be used for affordable housing, I believe we should emphasize to the mayor's office that they should pull back their attempt to ban our homes from the vacation rental programs.

\$1.6 billion will not only address their affordable housing issues, it will also address their water issues.

Homeowners who are financially supporting the Maui government through their taxes on vacation rentals should not be financially obligated to solve the affordable housing crisis when the county has received federal funding specifically for that purpose.

A county vote banning short term, Vacation rentals will be met by thousands of lawsuits from existing homeowners being deprived of their property rights and will force the county to spend far more than it is currently making from the vacation rental taxes paid by existing homeowners. This would be an illegal seizure of property and violates the 4th Amendment, restricting the use of private property to the extent that it deprives the owner of its economic value or beneficial use.