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To Whom it May Concern:

We are Art and MeriAnn Boxall and we own a condo in Wildwood there in Ketchum that we have had as a short term rental there for the past few years. We love our condo there so much...it is our happy vacation place!

Art was born and raised in Boise, Idaho. He has been spending time in Ketchum his entire life. His grandparents would summer there, and he had the amazing opportunity to also spend time there with them during the summers. We named our condo Marion's place in honor of his grandmother who also loved it so much. His parents continued the tradition of spending time there. We were engaged on the steps at the Sun Valley in, as was his brother and his wife. Both of us, as couples, spent our honeymoons there as did his parents when they were married over 50 years ago this year. I only say this to show that we have a long history with Sun Valley and the Ketchum area. For many years we would rent rooms there in town to come as a family for our family vacation, but unfortunately, we have been priced out and would be unable to continue to have these amazing Sun Valley experiences and memories with our families.

When we found our unit in Wildwood that we could rent out and allow us to afford to have a place there we were thrilled. This was our opportunity to still be able to bring our family to Sun Valley and to make the same amazing memories for them as we also had. It was incredibly important for us to be able to do that. Ketchum truly is our happy place. We have already purchased our plots there in the local cemetery and we try to be very involved in the community (as much as we can be) from our primary home in Utah. Our kids learned to ski on the mountains there and we hold ski passes there every year.

We have tried to be responsible short term rental owners. We are sticklers for the rules. We limit our guests to 2, have strict rules and regulations, we are not the cheapest place in the area because we want to have good respectful renters, and we have safety measures in place including (fire and CO2 detectors and an in-unit fire extinguisher). We have always had a business license for our small little Marion's Place. We visit often, checking on our place and our neighbors.

We genuinely love our condo and expect that it will be treated well by our tenants. I think this is very important to understand, as although we do our part and can abide by all the regulations set forth, we would not be able to retrofit the entire building to meet some of the expectations that are currently being proposed. Although the units do exit to the main hallway, our unit is a bottom level unit with a sliding glass door option as well. We could instead add maps to the doors just as hotels do to show the nearest exit, and maybe additional exit signs to the hallways.

Please allow us to keep our place so that we can use it, love it, and make memories with our family. We cannot afford to spend the time there that we do now if we had to pay to stay in one of the very few hotels there. I also expect that if short term rentals are limited, there will be an impact on tourist income which will have a huge impact on the businesses. Living outside of and working in a resort town in Utah, we understand there is a delicate balance between affordable housing for workers, but also keeping the tourists coming (which even though we own there, we still support businesses like tourists do during our shorter stay periods). If we cannot short term rent it will impact our ability to come there and we just love it so much! Please reconsider the expectations and allow us to be grandfathered in at a minimum. We have always had our license because we believe that is the right thing to do. Help us keep making memories and reconsider the expectations or ability for our unit space to be in compliance with what you think will best serve our community as a whole.

Thank you,

MeriAnn and Art Boxall

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