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City of Cle Elum  
ATTN: Planning Department/Lee

RE: STR-2025-002 Lee  
119 West First St,  
Cle Elum, wa 98922

To the City Council of Cle Elum,

I am writing in opposition to the requested rental permit for short term rental at 408 w 6th st Cle Elum WA. I am a local business owner & forester and feel that if the city decides to allow Ederra begin short term rentals, this city may well have gone past the point of no return.

There are still decisions than can help this city change the path that it is on. Allowing short term rentals on all these new homes built is only going to push more residents & businesses out of Cle Elum, include myself & family. This is a slippery slope. Cle Elum should be taking efforts to control the increased pace of tourism in our area, making sure infrastructure is up to date, for residents, as well as those that visit here. I do not see how allowing these rentals controls the pace, but rather opens the floodgates.

As you no doubt know, the city is in a tricky situation. It is time to control the pace at which we allow outside developers to establish themselves & profit immensely. Many of these investors appear to have little to no regard for the long term vitality of our city.

There is still a choice to be made here. The city does not need to roll with the punches: we still have an opportunity to heal and lead our city in a better direction. We can still change the direction of Cle Elum for the better, & build a vibrant community here that allows and encourages tourism, without pushing our already dubious infrastructure to the brink.

I know from my connections with many other local businesses & my several dozen clients living in Cle Elum, our city is in a very delicate state right now, and many are looking at other options. Allowing tourism at an unregulated pace may well be the straw that breaks the camels back, and we will move our businesses out of Cle Elum. I know I will be strongly considering this if the city does not start to lead us on a better, more balanced path, and this starts with saying no to these short term rentals, & advocating for our local residents. I hope you strongly consider the future of our city, and see the opportunity here to begin to make things right, for both residents & future tourists. Thank you

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