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Dear Mayor Paulson & Councilmembers,

I strongly urge the Larkspur City Council to listen to its community of local housing providers and put an end to discussing adopting punitive, unnecessary policies that will affect both housing providers and their residents. There is no sufficient data that shows that Larkspur needs to adopt new, strict rental regulations. We do not need to add layers of regulations and bureaucracy to California's existing Tenant Protection Act (AB 1482).

I personally know of some individuals who have rented apartments in San Francisco for over 30 years and are now shamelessly renting them out to others while holding on to their many years ago established rental contract. The homeowner's hands are tied and they can't do anything about this, while they still are expected to keep up the maintenance on their property and pay skyrocketing property taxes and home insurance. STOP making the landlords look like some evil villain who is out to get everyone and to exploit innocent people!

As an ethical housing provider in Marin County, I proudly provide homes to local families and work closely with our community and residents to meet their needs. I am deeply troubled by the exploration and possibility of adopting further rental regulations on local rental housing providers. The ramifications of rental regulations on housing providers will drastically affect the availability of much-needed rental and affordable housing in Larkspur.

I have always strived to be a friendly landlord who always has kept my rents below market value in order to attract nicer tenants who ultimately love to stay where they live.

Sincerely,
H. Thomson