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May 15, 2020

Secretary Halsey Beshears
2601 Blair Stone Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1027

Re: Lifting Ban on Vacation Rentals for Santa Rosa County

Dear Secretary Beshears,

Navarre Beach is the primary economic driver for Santa Rosa County tourism revenue. Aside from a single hotel on the beach, vacation home and condominium rentals generate the remaining tax dollars. Our local economy has suffered greatly due to this ban as well as the continued loss of income that many rely on to pay mortgages and support local employment. Santa Rosa County previously requested that the Governor allow the operation of short term vacation rentals as part of Phase 1. Today we are revisiting that request while providing a plan to reopen short term vacation rentals in a responsible and safe manner.

Vacation rentals offer safer lodging options than hotels and do more to promote social distancing as it minimizes interaction with staff members, and guests typically have access to kitchens providing them the opportunity to stay in rather than eat out. We are including "Santa Rosa County's Plan to Reopen Short Term Vacation Rentals" for your consideration and approval.

I am available to discuss this matter further and will provide any additional information you may need to approve our request. Thank you again for your time, leadership and support shown to the citizens of Santa Rosa County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Schebler".

Dan Schebler
County Administrator