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To: Mark Wright; Afroz Khan; Ed Cameron; Heather Shand; byron@byronlanenbpt.com; Connie Preston; Sharif Zeid; Jennie Donahue; Bruce Vogel; Christine Wallace; Dianne Boisvert; NBPT Mayor
Subject: STRU's - Please Require Special Permit & No Investor-Owned STRU's

Dear Mayor Reardon, City Councillors, and Members of the Planning Board,

I support allowing owner-occupied short-term rental units (STRU's) by special permit, including parking requirements like those for similar uses. STRU's can adversely affect the quality of life in neighborhoods due to late-night noise, inadequate parking, and loss of rental units.

I oppose investor-owned STRU's. We want actual neighbors in our neighborhoods who care about quality of life in the neighborhood, schools and city issues. Some businesses and property owners have argued that investor STRU's would make up for a lack of hotel rooms. Yet, if you approve investor STRU's, no sensible hotel developer will try to compete. Newburyport should not prioritize tourism over diverse housing opportunities and welcoming people from all economic backgrounds.

Sincerely,

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