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Mayor and Commissioners
City of Rehoboth Beach
229 Rehoboth Avenue
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, our realtor and/or rental realtor members and our general membership, we submit this correspondence and request that it be read into the June 19, 2015 City meeting record.

The complaints that have been publicly stated and received by the City relating to noise and occupancy levels, as well as the increase in the number of large scale homes being built in the City of Rehoboth Beach, clearly presents a multi-faceted dilemma to be solved.

We respectfully request that before voting for a pool ordinance that has a limited solution for a very broad based issue, the following be considered:

- Consider an alternative solution that offers balance utilizing occupancy capacity limits
- Consider heavy fines or loss of a rental license for violators of noise or occupancy
- Regarding the proposed ordinance, consider total negative impression and impact on all business, as well as property values
- Consider the potential health, safety and legal ramifications of pool closings
- Consider that noise can emanate from porches, patios, decks and yards – not just pools
- Consider and remember that economically, a vibrant destination always welcomes a mixture of visitors, while understanding the importance of continuing to attract the affluent and extended-stay vacationer
- Consider that this issue has generated negative local, regional and national media attention, which will require a balanced solution that will be viewed as being good and fair for the community as a whole.

Given all of these factors, we appeal to the Mayor and Commissioners to allow an opportunity for alternatives to reveal their strengths or weaknesses prior to any vote on the pool ordinance. If there is no opportunity to measure other solutions, the Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce cannot support the pool ordinance as currently presented.

Whether you are a resident, a member of the business community, a visitor or a leader, the common thread that ties us together is a desire to see Rehoboth Beach be the best it can be.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Carol A. Everhart
President/CEO