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Good morning,

My wife and I have been living and working year round on Martha's Vineyard for the past nine years. As with many members of the working class, housing was the biggest challenge in joining this beautiful community. What's made it possible for us to live here permanently for almost a decade was being able to live at a property owned and leased to us by Xerxes Aghassipour. I can attest that the house has all amenities we could ask for, is modern and well appointed. It's well kept, any maintenance issues have been handled swiftly. My wife and I both agree he is the most responsible and honest landlord we have ever had.

The Educomp redevelopment project has been frustrating to watch. Observing a large building in a central location sit vacant for years has been a disappointment. Economically it seems to be a no-brainer as redevelopment would boost local businesses in the area, while personally it pains me to know there are others in similar situations as my family who will never be a part of this amazing community. Any project that provides affordable housing to this community should not be dismissed lightly.

We hope the commission will account for our experience in dealing with Xerxes when considering their decision on the Educomp project. We firmly believe allowing him to help provide more housing to islanders in our tax bracket will only benefit the community in positive ways.

Thank you
-Mike Brophy
Vineyard Haven resident