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Dear Mr. Elvin,

We are writing to you and the Martha's Vineyard Commission as neighbors of Susannah and Brian Bristol for approximately the last 15 years. As owners of 1165 Main Street we pass the Bristol's home each time we walk, ride a bike or drive up the road. Through our time knowing the Bristols they have always demonstrated sincere concern for the well-being of our neighborhood, the community of West Chop and the island of Martha's Vineyard as a whole. They have shared their plans for the rebirth of their family home at 1133 Main Street, and we wholeheartedly support the vision they have outlined. We, too, have a deep interest in retaining the special character that is our neighborhood on West Chop and the island community overall.

As six generation residents of the Vineyard for over 100 years, the Bristol family understands the sensitivity of this fragile island to change of any sort, and we understand and appreciate their goal to rebuild their home in such a way that the new structure will seem as if it had always been here. By retaining the key design elements of the existing structure, they will both preserve and enhance the character of our special neighborhood. Accordingly we enthusiastically support their plans.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and enabling the Bristols to proceed. If we can be helpful in your process please feel free to contact.

Sincerely,

Andre & Michael Koester
1165 Main Street, Vineyard Haven

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