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Dear Mr. Elwin,

The purpose of this letter is to support the application and plans of Brian and Susannah Bristol to rebuild their home located at 1133 Main Street, Vineyard Haven. It is my understanding that the Bristols intend to maintain the basic integrity of the house by keeping the key design elements including the classic shingled façade.

Given that the West Chop community is a beautiful historic community with many large homes built in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, it is in the interest of the community that the aesthetics of the era be retained. The architectural plans for the new structure at 1133 Main Street seem to me to be faithful to the original architecture while incorporating modern technology for making the house energy efficient and environmentally friendly.

Our house located at 188 Iroquois Avenue was built in the early 1900's as were many of the West Chop houses. There is no question that these grand old houses give this community a special rural character to be cherished. The fact that the Bristols plan to rebuild their home with 21st century technology while recapitulating the exterior elements of the original structure will ensure that the rural character of this community is preserved.

The Bristols have been our friends and neighbors for 25 years. They have been active participants in the West Chop community and engaged in land preservation issues Island wide. We have always known them to be particularly supportive of the historic integrity and well being of our community.

It is my hope the Martha's Vineyard Commission will give serious consideration to this application.

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