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Martha's Vineyard Commission  
33 New York Avenue  
Oak Bluffs, Ma. 02557

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my concern about the demolition plan of an old family home in Edgartown, located at 134 Katama Road, recently purchased by Maureen and Rudolph Johnson and being reviewed by you as a DRI. As I found in the Registry of Deeds, Manuel and Joseph Silva, ancestors of mine, sold this house to Isabel Prada on May 13, 1895.

The house is solidly built as revealed in a detailed home inspection report for a previous potential buyer. It has been well maintained and as you know is over 100 years old. The Johnsons told the previous owners that they weren't going to tear down the house, they only wanted to put a basement underneath.

We are losing our Vineyard identity with all the tear downs and rebuilding with huge gambrel style houses and carriage houses. I urge you to please let this house stand.

Sincerely,



Polly Bassett