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My wife Jill Cowan and I are writing about 7 Arlington Ave.

Two quick sentences on us. Jill has been coming to Oak Bluffs since she was child - I dare say for a little over 50 years. I was first introduced to East Chop approximately 25 years ago and we bought a house in East Chop approximately 15 years ago.

We have known Eunu and Lisa Chun for over 30 years. They are dear family friends, dear personal friends and Eunu is Godfather to our youngest child Genevieve. They are extraordinarily kind, thoughtful, giving and much more but I just don't have the words to describe how amazing they are and have been since we've known them.

Eunu and Lisa have been coming to East Chop for over 20 years. They have given to the East Chop community and have been members of the East Chop Tennis Club and the East Chop Beach Club. They've supported the restoration of the movie theater on Circuit Avenue, the restaurant Sweet Life and many other East Chop and MV organizations including the Youth Foundation and the Martha's Vineyard Museum where Eunu is on the Endowment Committee.

I write the above because I think it's important that the committee know Eunu and Lisa are deeply involved in East Chop and have been for years. They did not just come to East Chop last year or during Covid, buy a house and look to tear it down. Their first 10 years or so in East Chop they rented until they bought 7 Arlington 11 years ago in 2011. Eunu and Lisa are and have been a big part of the East Chop community.

There are many beautiful, historic homes on East Chop and the island but 7 Arlington is not one of them. The original house was split in two back in 1917 with one half going to one parcel and the other half to another parcel. 7 Arlington is just half of what it was - there's no full house to preserve. And with the half of a house left, there's been significant restoration and renovation in the 90+ years prior to Eunu and Lisa purchasing it. I truly don't think there's anything to preserve.

My wife and I fully support Eunu and Lisa's new plans. 7 Arlington is inhabitable and it would be wrong for them not to be able to go through with their plans.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

Jill Cowan and Stephen Davis