May 10, 2022

Joan Malkin, Chairperson
Martha’s Vineyard Commission
P.O. Box 1447
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Subject: Aidylberg III Elderly Housing Expansion (DRI 714)

Dear Ms. Malkin,

The Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee fully supports Island Elderly Housing's DRI 714 application. The growing number of elderly residents needing clean, safe, affordable housing is growing in Oak Bluffs. The five affordable housing homes proposed in the Aidylberg III DRI application support Oak Bluffs’ growing aging population by adding critical elderly affordable housing. We encourage the Commission to approve the DRI without delay.

The Town endorsed Island Elderly Housing's 40B application with the Department of Housing and Community Development and the resulting approved Project Eligibility Letter. The elderly apartments directly support the Oak Bluffs FY18-22 Housing Production Plan. The IEH five additional housing units are essential to Oak Bluffs reaching the Commonwealth's 40B 10% affordable housing goal.

The IEH expansion is critical to providing housing for our senior residents. Island Elderly Housing and its residents are essential to the good of our community, and the Affordable Housing Committee strongly recommends the support of the Commission.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this issue of utmost importance.

Sincerely,

K. Mark Leonard
Chair, Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee