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The mission of the DCRHA is to assist the 6 towns of Martha's Vineyard with increasing the year-round housing opportunities for residents with low and moderate incomes.

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

Subject: Aidylberg III Elderly Housing Expansion (DRI 714)

Chairperson Malkin,

The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority (DCRHA) and the Island Housing Trust (IHT) wish to add their strong support for the Island Elderly Housing DRI 714 application to add five (5) rental apartments to their significant efforts over forty (40) years to address the needs for housing options for our Island seniors.

DCRHA rental waitlists include a growing number of seniors whose incomes or physical and social access needs largely limit qualification or use of apartments developed or managed by DCRHA and IHT. The Aidylberg III design offers interior spaces defined by HUD in Aidylberg I and II while modifying the exterior to include a massing that fronts Wing Road with resident porch space while defining the corner entry into the Aidylberg campus. Variety in roof pitch and dormer design further distinguish building functions while bringing light and air into all spaces throughout the day.

Lastly, and importantly, physical access naturally incorporated into all aspects of the exterior and interior design of Aidylberg III mirrors the important supports that IEH provides its tenants well beyond their need for housing. Five Island elder households will have IEH supports with transportation, service coordination and other key aspects of important daily social access to our community. The DCRHA and IHT ask the Commissioners to join us in supporting IEH's efforts at Aidylberg III.

Sincerely,

David Vigneault, Executive Director

Dukes County Regional Housing Authority

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Island Housing Trust