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Dear Ms. Morrison,

I am writing regarding the Safe Harbor, Vineyard Haven project currently under review by the Martha's Vineyard Commission. I have reviewed the documentation on your website regarding this project and wholeheartedly support it for a variety of reasons.

First, I am an avid angler, boater, and supporter of the environment. I have had a boat at the marina for about 20 years. I have firsthand experience with how Safe Harbor has managed the marina. They have made significant improvements in the infrastructure and operating procedures. The result has been a cleaner environment and better experience for all. They have been responsible owners with a sensitivity to the environment.

Second, the expansion plan reduces in-water storage and the associated environmental risk. I am a strong proponent of increased rack storage, since it is efficient and poses far less environmental risk. One obvious example is it eliminates the need to bottom paint one's boat. I have been storing my boat in a rack for many years and hope that others will adopt the practice.

Finally, we should support organizations like Safe Harbor Marina that are willing to make the investments necessary to create an environmentally friendly marina. I am pleased that they now own the marina. They have transformed the marina. Fishing and boating are such an important part of enjoying and living on the Vineyard. We all should be guardians of the environment. To me, this means supporting organizations and projects like this.

Sincerely,

Orlando Corsi Jr.