

Martha's Vineyard Commission
The Stone Building
33 New York Avenue
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

November 2019

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of the proposed Marina by the The Martha's Vineyard Shipyard. As a lifelong Vineyard resident, a Tisbury business owner and current Tisbury resident, I understand how important sustainable development is to our Town and our Island community. The Hale family has been wonderful stewards of The Martha's Vineyard Shipyard, a business with a 175 year history on our waterfront; they have been great neighbors and I feel that they will be continue to be wonderful, thoughtful and smart as they seek to expand their role in our community.

There are many things that the town of Tisbury needs, to list them all would take too long and dilute the purpose of my letter. Paying for all of the improvements and new infrastructure requires sustainable development that broadens our tax base. I believe that the MVS's proposal would be the kind of development that breaths more life into our Town and more money into the Town coffers.

Tisbury has wonderfully been able to preserve our working waterfront; our harbor is a real experience. The Hale family, their employees and their customers all know how special their location is to the Island. In order to continue to have a "working waterfront" we need to make sure that those who work on the harbor can make a living there. Allowing for development that takes environmental concerns into account and creates year round jobs for Islanders is important to the Vineyard's future.

I sincerely hope that all governing bodies responsible for reviewing and approving this project looks at what good this can do for the Town of Tisbury and the Island as a whole. This project has my full support.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nili Beth Morgan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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