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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an owner of 85 North Water Street in Edgartown, Massachusetts and I write to express my opposition to the operation of the full service outdoor restaurant and bar and proposed spa development at The Harbor View Hotel.

I have visited Edgartown since the summer of 1980 and The Harbor View Hotel holds many dear memories for me; in the 1980s my siblings and I would spend hours at their arcade on a rainy day. In addition, throughout the 1980s and 1990s my beloved grandparents would visit us every summer and they always stayed at The Harbor View. I have celebrated birthdays and anniversaries and many happy occasions at The Harbor View Hotel. Since 1992, I have been happy and proud to be a neighbor of The Harbor View Hotel. And for the past thirty years we have been good neighbors. The Harbor View has been respectful of the historic beauty of Edgartown and of its neighbors, while welcoming many visitors so that all parties have collectively enjoyed beautiful Edgartown and the magic of Martha's Vineyard.

Recently, however, I have been disheartened with the Harbor View Hotel's disregard for their neighbors. The current ownership of The Harbor View Hotel have not demonstrated the neighborhood congeniality that is the essence of Edgartown. Specifically, it is my understanding that the current ownership has completely violated 1990 and 1992 permits outlining restrictions. The proposed 2,600 sq ft patio, with its plan to accommodate over 150 people-replete with bright lights and fire pits-was somehow granted approval when the neighbors were not given the chance to voice their opposition to this project.

I am worried not only of the noise and of the increased traffic flow that the current proposal will bring to the neighborhood, but also of the potential threat of drunk customers and drunk drivers who could be very dangerous to all the children of Edgartown, who ride their bikes around town, during the day and the evening. The proposed plan and the lack of regard for the neighbors and residents of Edgartown is a disruptive and potentially dangerous proposition and I implore you to please not allow the proposed plan to proceed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,
Vanessa Brooker Eastman