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Dear Paul Foley and the Martha's Vineyard Commission,

I have lived off the Dr. Fisher Road since 1972, M16, L143.

I am writing in opposition to the plan to site the medical marijuana dispensary off the Dr. Fisher Road. The single lane road has been used since the 1800's by people walking or bicyclists, people on horseback or with horse drawn carriages, not to mention all the kids on their bicycles or going by foot to the West Tisbury school. Mostly the residents have kept the road's character over the years and recently a road association has been formed which has made travel easier. However, in the winter as well as summer now, people either have to step off into the bushes for cars and trucks to pass or vehicles have to back-up. The addition of more housing and road improvements have surely increased traffic coming through from both ends, but it's manageable. No one dreamed that such a large (physically and traffic generating) business like this would want to be off an ancient way....

For those of you who don't know, the Dr. Fisher Road was established by Dr. Daniel Fisher as the best way for him to go from Edgartown to his flour mill on North Road to supply his bakery on Edgartown wharf! One of those reasons it was the best way was because it was less travelled.... So as recently as 1976, the Martha's Vineyard Commission designated this road as a DCPC, a District of Critical Planning Concern.

The number of vehicle trips per Geoff Rose's data suggest an increase in traffic from both ends (Old County and State Roads) of 360 one way trips a week. It's an extremely inappropriate and unsafe site for the business that would do far better not in a residential location but accessed directly by a paved state or town road.

I am not opposed to the dispensary, I just think it would have a great detrimental effect on the safety of pedestrians and the accessibility of residents with so much traffic surely to be generated at both ends...

Thank you,

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West Tisbury