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To: [Lucy Morrison](#); [Bill Veno](#); [Adam Turner](#); [Paul Foley](#)
Subject: Meetinghouse Place subdivision
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Dear Members of the Martha's Vineyard Commission:

I have been following the information about the proposed Meetinghouse Place Subdivision over the past several months. I am concerned as a neighbor and as a longtime Vineyard resident.

My feeling is that the Vineyard does not need more McMansions. Very few people need a 7 bedroom house. These McMansions negatively change the whole character of the Vineyard.

My friends have been discussing this for months. We are all in our 60's and 70's and we are desperate to sell our modest 3 or 4 bedroom homes to a young Island family so we can downsize. We want to give up the gardening and lawn care and snow shoveling for a less arduous lifestyle. But there is no where for us to go if we want to stay on the island. There are very few small condos and few, if any, modern two bedroom apartments with an elevator and an in unit washer/dryer. As we age, we'd like to stay on the Vineyard but that is not easy to do.

This piece of land offers the perfect opportunity to create a neighborhood for those of us who love the Vineyard and wish to stay. This beautiful property could be a complex that houses modern apartments, condos and small houses. If we wanted to get very creative, we might consider adding a child care center to the neighborhood. Older residents could volunteer to help out at the child care center or push the kids on the swings at a neighborhood playground. In addition to the dearth of affordable and market-rate housing, there is also a desperate need for more child care and after school care for Island children. I beg you to consider this idea. I truly believe that there is a need for such housing and such a neighborhood. It could be planned carefully to consider environmental concerns. Please do not allow more McMansions. They are not what the Vineyard needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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