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Dear Members of the Martha's Vineyard Commission:

Our family has cherished our summer home on the Vineyard for over 30 years and we hope to continue enjoying it for many years to come. However grandiose homes and more traffic, and the resulting deafening leaf blowers, will rob us all of what makes the Vineyard special.

We understand the tension between enjoying or exploiting the unique value of the island. Careful planning of a complete community, including more modest homes, will do more toward retaining the soul of the Vineyard. Continued conspicuous consumption leads to a hollowness that will bring us all down if we allow it. It will override the deep elegant simplicity that has been a hallmark of this place.

It takes courage for leaders to choose long term progress over short term gains. I hope you all are up to the task.

Thank you,
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