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Dear Mr. Foley:

I am a seasonal resident of Chilmark and also a member of the Board of Directors of Vineyard Power. I am writing this letter in strong support of Vineyard Wind's offshore wind project and of the undersea cable that will connect the project to the electric grid.

Vineyard Wind's solid cable has been carefully selected to minimize impacts on hard and complex bottom areas, and will be indicated on future navigational charts. Vineyard Wind will bury the cables using modern technology that will minimize the impacts on the benthic environment. Sediment suspension will be short term and localized and, longer term, there will be a cable monitoring program. Vineyard Wind has worked with both state and federal agencies and stakeholders to minimize impacts on local fisheries through specific cable-laying time-of-year restrictions. Moreover, there is a great deal of experience laying cable from Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket to the mainland.

As I am sure you know, there is no better renewable resource for New England than offshore wind. It has an impressive capacity factor of approximately 50 percent, far better than onshore wind or solar power. Our area of the coast has been referred to as the "Saudi Arabia of offshore wind." Harnessing this resource is far and away the most important thing we here in New England can do to address climate change.

Many thanks for your attention to my comments.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Ann G. Berwick