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Subject: Requesting Support of DRI 688
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Dear Mr. Foley,

As a long time property owner in Tisbury, I have witnessed what feels like an endless debate over wind power. The time to move this project forward is long overdue and I ask that you lead the Martha's Vineyard Commission in approving DRI 688, allowing Vineyard Wind to install the undersea cable that will connect the wind farm to the grid.

As I hope you know by now, there is enough scientific evidence to support this project. Having just experienced one of the warmest winters on record, we must take every step we can to install alternative energy sources. The minor and short-term environmental impacts of the projects construction are far outweighed by the long term benefits. Reducing 1.6 million tons of CO2 every year is one outcome that will help mitigate the negative impact our current energy system is having on our climate. Ratepayers will save money and sustained local jobs will provide the vineyard with an economic boost.

As one of the decision makers along the way, you have the opportunity to make history, allowing the Vineyard to be the first in the nation to implement an off shore wind farm. We are perfectly situated to do so and have the potential to be a role model for the nation. You have the opportunity to be remembered as a forward thinking leader, someone willing to take a stand in addressing climate change. Humanity is depending on on people at the local level to help us bring innovation to the crisis of climate change that we are facing.

Please think about our children and what lies ahead if this project is blocked. Science supports approving this project and I ask that you do the same.

Thank you,

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