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**Subject:** MVC - please support Vineyard Wind's application to approve the undersea cable connecting the wind farm project to the grid  
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TO: Paul Foley, DRI Coordinator

Dear Mr Foley,

I am a PhD Chemist/Environmental scientist and home owner/full-time resident of West Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard.

I am writing in support of Vineyard Wind, specifically the portion of the Vineyard Wind undersea cable that will traverse through Edgartown's waters on its way to landfall in Barnstable that I understand the MVC are reviewing.

I have long followed the progress of Vineyard Power/Wind and I know that the people at Vineyard Wind have worked long and hard to try to make reliable off-shore renewable wind energy a reality for New England/the US.

Vineyard Wind have addressed (and continue to) address concerns about cables (we have had power cables to the Vineyard and Nantucket for a long time now), fishing concerns, potential visual impacts, economic impact/bringing training and jobs to the Vineyard, etc. I have been very impressed by their diligence and efforts at community outreach.

With Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) levels topping more than 410 ppm in just the last several months - to reach levels not seen in millions of years (<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/we-just-breached-the-410-ppm-threshold-for-co2/#>) - I believe that we desperately need to wean ourselves away from our reliance on fossil fuels.

To do this, we need to drastically cut carbon emissions, and to accelerate our transition to a low-carbon future – leading to more stable coastlines and to a healthier planet.

I am confident that Vineyard Wind will be a good neighbor to me in my Martha's Vineyard home and for my Cape and Islands community - and that they will attract good jobs for our youth.

The Vineyard Wind project is a very important step in meeting our renewable energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals. It will also help to establish Massachusetts as a national leader in the offshore wind energy field and I wholeheartedly support it!

In summary, I am very excited to have this operation in/near my community - and I welcome Vineyard Wind!

Thanks for your attention.

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