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To Whom It May Concern,

As an island resident of West Tisbury I wish to express my strong support for approval of DRI 688: Vineyard Wind Undersea Cable, Edgartown, by the Martha's Vineyard Commission. There is a scientific consensus about the impacts that global warming is having on climate and the dire consequences to the environment of continuing to increase the level of carbon dioxide in our planet's atmosphere. It is well-known that the broader project, of which this cable is a component, will contribute to solving this problem, and it is equally well-known that the consequences of not doing the broader project -- if it is derailed by the rejection of this critical component, for example -- will set a precedent that will be devastating to the environment. There is also scientific consensus about the minimal local, short-term impacts of the Vineyard Wind Undersea Cable itself -- thanks to the Environmental Impact Statement available at the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (<https://www.boem.gov/Vineyard-Wind-EIS/>).

There are, of course, many other benefits to the island of the broader project, including dozens of good-paying, middle class jobs; but above all, I urge the MVC to emphasize science and reason when considering this cable project and to approve it forthwith.

Sincerely,

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