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Dear Paul—

As a resident of West Tisbury, I am writing to express strong support of the Vine4yard Wind project and particularly, the plan for undersea cables that would connect the turbines to the mainland electric grid.

I think that there are two main points to be made.

This project is very important for the large, environmental considerations, as a way to reduce our impact on climate change.

As well, the Vineyard must be connected to the mainland power grid to survive. Current cables will need to be replaced, no matter whether this proposed project wins approval or not. Every effort has been made to accommodate the fishing community and fishing stocks, the type of cables chosen take opponent's concerns (i.e. contain no fluid, etc.) into consideration, and the cable installation is planned to have minimal and short term impacts on the sea bed.

This is a win-win for both our population and the environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Wasserman

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