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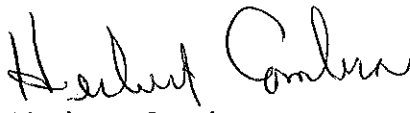
To Whom It May Concern at the Martha's Vineyard Commission:

I've lived in Oak Bluffs for over 80 years. During that time, I have owned numerous buildings and businesses in the downtown Oak Bluffs area. I have served our town in a variety of capacities from highway superintendent, board of health, county commissioner, served on the board of selectman, and others. During that time, I have watched the building located at number 14 Kennebec go through many iterations and ultimately arrive in its current state of disrepair. Through differed maintenance and haphazard repairs, it has reached a point of no return and it's time for a new building to take its place.

I know the new owners of this property and can attest to the quality of their work and their deep regard for the heart and character of this community.

We are a tourist-based economy with a season that is becoming increasingly shorter each year. Projects like this increase our tax base, provide meals and rentals taxes that are desperately needed to help stabilize and hopefully reduce the tax rate for seniors living on a fixed income like myself. I strongly urge you to approve this project as quickly and efficiently as possible so that the restaurant and the apartments can begin bringing much needed revenue to our town.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Herbert Combra', written in dark ink.

Herbert Combra