

Good morning.

I writing to add my voice regarding the above referenced project.

By way of background, my wife and I discovered Martha's Vineyard in 1977. It was our first anniversary and we stayed in the Jonathan Munroe House on Main Street. Soon after the children arrived, we began what became a family tradition of summer vacationing on the Island via a series of rental properties in Katama. We purchased our Ocean Pines house in 2001 and now spend roughly half our time on the Island, accompanied by our children and grandchildren whenever possible.

We are, as a family, bicycle enthusiasts. My son bikes the Island (literally) when he and his family are with us, and I cycle around Katama and Edgartown—rain or shine, warm or cold—and, if the park bench at the intersection of Main and Water Streets is dry, I take a pause there. As such, I am painfully familiar with the ebb, flow and challenges that are associated with Edgartown's vehicular and pedestrian congestion during season. I have been banged up and bloodied after being forced off the road (and my bicycle) by inconsiderate drivers and, even, ended up in the ER with a severed shoulder AC and 5 cracked ribs three years ago after veering off-path to avoid an inattentive mother and child. My wife has also visited the hospital, after crashing while attempting to avoid a distracted group of people.

It is with all this in mind that I am alarmed by the Hob Knob proposal, which I read about in the [Vineyard Gazette](#) yesterday morning. As an abutting resident, not only do I share the acute concerns that are being voiced by those who live nearby, but as an avid biker, pedestrian, father and grandfather, I am also fearful for my and my family's personal safety as we recreate in and around town.

Certainly, it is one thing to establish an expansive resort in Katama or at the far end of North Water Street, and quite another to attempt such an ambitious project within the extraordinarily limited confines of Edgartown proper. Please protect us by rejecting this misguided development project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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