January 30, 2023

Adam Turner MVC Executive Director 33 New York Ave, Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Dear Adam,

Please accept this as a letter of support for the Southern Tier Project on behalf of Howard and Elaine Miller.

The MV Commission's 2020 Housing Needs Assessment concluded that the island's socioeconomic diversity is eroding at an alarming rate due to the skyrocketing real estate market. The assessment recommended the production of 50 units of affordable housing annually to address the issue. Phase one of the Southern Tier project will directly respond to this need by providing 45 affordable rental homes for year-round families.

We support the development of the Southern Tier neighborhood by Island Housing Trust and its partner, Affirmative Investments, as it will provide critically needed affordable housing in the town of Oak Bluffs. It is not only the town of Oak Bluffs that benefits from this Project, but the entire Island whom it will service.

Sincerely,

Howard and Elaine Miller Vineyard Haven, MA