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Adam Turner
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Dear Mr. Turner,

Please accept this as a letter of support for the Southern Tier Project on behalf of Robert W. Ogden, Sheriff, County of Duke County.

The MV Commission's 2020 Housing Needs Assessment concluded that the island's socio-economic diversity is eroding at an alarming rate due to the skyrocketing real estate market, this has become a very prevalent concern in our Public Safety Community's ability to recruit, train, and retain qualified long term employees. 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.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Ogden
Sheriff
County of Dukes County