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Dear MV Commissioners:

I write to you all in regard to the proposed development of the Edu-comp building in Vineyard Haven.

I was under the impression that the reason people came to 'The Vineyard' was because it was different from the Cape and Mainland. There are no fast food chains or mini malls and there is less traffic. We do have Memorial Park, a place to play in the grass, not to just look out at from the window of a store overlooking it. Our Main St, still has empty retail space waiting to be filled. So why distract the tourists from Main St.?

Traffic, with all due respect to your staff report, it is common sense and obvious to those of us who drive through Vineyard Haven on a daily basis that it would not help in the 'flow' of the traffic.

The sewer 'issues' confuse me. The new 'developments' are approved yet the actual system to accommodate them is not actually in place. I have been on the sewer system since it began and was told that my bill would go down when there were more 'users'. However, my bill has substantially increased, regardless of my consistent gallon usage and more users.

I recommend that you thank this developer for his inspiration, but remind him that he should have studied the environment surrounding the 'location' of this parcel. Vineyard Haven, and I believe all of Martha's Vineyard, is not the right place for his fabulous off-island design.

I recognize he revised his plan but I still do not understand why he need to add a second building?? Can our wastewater system really handle that??

I saw Kate Scott's letter and agree with her. I do think it is unfortunate that this is back on the table and not everyone realizes they need to write again.

Thank you .

Sincerely,

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