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Martha's Vineyard Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing with respect to the subdivision application submitted by Paul Stuart Bangs et al regarding land located in West Tisbury between State and Old County Roads. Specifically, I ask that you condition any approval of this application on the designation of a trail easement along the western edge of the development and then slightly southeast along Old Coach Road.

Although this easement would not currently connect with a larger network, it represents a key piece in a trail system that could be assembled over time. Any connection—even a portion of one—between Old County and State Roads (and the Old Holmes Hole Road) would provide walkers with a way to travel east/west and avoid navigating extremely busy roads. It is important to secure this easement now so that it can be available in the future.

Thank you for considering such a pro-active trail planning measure and leading the way for other elected and appointed officials to follow suit, enabling the Vineyard to develop viable, safe, transportation alternatives that encourage walking and biking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alysa Emden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.