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Dear Members of the Martha's Vineyard Commission,

I am writing to express my family's concerns regarding the current plan you are reviewing for the proposed expansion of the Tisbury Stop and Shop.

My family has enjoyed more than 40 summers as Tisbury residents ,since I purchased our current seasonal residence at 9 Grove Avenue in 1974. In addition, we also owned ,until it was sold last summer, a second, year round Tisbury residence for more than 20 years, which was located directly across from Owen Park.

While recognizing the considerable benefit to the residents of Tisbury and the Island as a whole of the current 19,000 square foot Tisbury Stop & Shop , that benefit already currently comes at a considerable inconvenience to the residents of Tisbury, because the Stop & Shop itself currently provides no private parking whatsoever for its customers . Instead, unlike the other large Island supermarkets , it relies solely upon its customers using adjacent public parking . And, unfortunately, this very considerably reduces the availability of Tisbury's already limited public parking, which its residents need to be able to use with respect to other stores, restaurants, galleries, and recreational facilities located in the center of Tisbury , such as the Vineyard Playhouse and the Capawock Theater, which together contribute so much to the quality of life in Tisbury.

In contrast to the Tisbury Stop & Shop, the two existing Island supermarkets which are comparable in size to the current Tisbury Stop & Shop (the 25,000 square foot Edgartown Stop & Shop) and the 19,000 Tisbury Stop & Shop) each provide private parking for not less than 120 vehicles.

Any proposed expansion of the existing Tisbury Stop & Shop which does not address the existing inequity of that facility not providing a meaningful amount of private parking which is proportionate to that currently provided by the Edgartown Stop and Shop and Tisbury Cronigs should not merit your approval.

If providing in excess of 200 private parking places in the center of Tisbury for the customers of an expanded 48,000 square foot Stop & Shop proves impossible , then this would seem to convincingly explain why none of the island towns currently have located within their town centers a supermarket that is even half the size of that currently proposed for the expanded Tisbury Stop & Shop.

The concerns of the residents of the town of Tisbury regarding traffic congestion and their access to public parking so they may enjoy the benefits of all the facilities located in their town merit comparable protection to that of the residents of every other Island town.

My family and I very much appreciate the important role your Commission plays in attempting to preserve, in an equitable manner, the quality of life enjoyed by all of the residents of Martha's Vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,
Howell Begle

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