



October 15, 2021

Martha's Vineyard Commission
Development of Regional Impact
ATTN: Mr. Alex Elvin
P.O. 1447
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Dear Mr. Elvin:

It is my pleasure to support the restoration and renovation of the Shearer Cottage. It is important that we preserve our history in Oak Bluffs.

My family and I have spent many years in Oak Bluffs, and we would love to see one of the first inns that accepted African Americans restored. There's such a wealth of history on the Island as well as the Shearer Cottage.

The Shearer Cottage and its founders, Charles and Henrietta Shearer, were such significant contributors to the Martha Vineyard Community, that their legacy can be found on our Wall of Opportunity at the Martha Vineyard Museum.

Restoring and renovating the Shearer Cottage will be uplifting to our community as well as give honor to the founders.

Sincerely,

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Diane Welburn
Director of Philanthropy