

Fwd: Harbor View Hotel - Proposed Spa - Letter of Support

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Subject: Harbor View Hotel - Proposed Spa - Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Turner,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed spa project at Harbor View Hotel.

I am a 16th generation Islander and recognize the essential role that tourism plays in our local economy. Harbor View Hotel has played a crucial role in attracting visitors to Martha's Vineyard through corporate events, weddings and transit guests which all then contribute to the Island economy. In order to stay competitive in the hospitality market in New England and continuing to attract business to Martha's Vineyard, it is crucial that Harbor View Hotel is able to offer a well rounded package of services. Currently, when I think of the larger hotels on Martha's Vineyard, Harbor View is the only one without some sort of spa accommodation. Holding such a large number of hotel rooms and conference space, it seems they should be afforded the same opportunities as the other local industry establishments.

I have watched Harbor View Hotel transform throughout the years, from hosting my wedding there in 2015 to being blown away by the beautiful, yet appropriate, recent updates by its new owner. I feel fortunate that such a well maintained and lovely property is part of the Island community and know that a spa will only enhance that.

Harbor View truly holds a special place in my heart and I would be delighted to see them flourish and be able to offer a spa amenity to their guests and the surrounding community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Megan Honey Baptiste