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To the Martha's Vineyard Commission:

As a long-time and frequent visitor to the Vineyard and a member of a large family who has spent summers in Oak Bluffs since the early 1900's, I am deeply concerned about the North Bluff Sea Wall Project. My uncle David Healey sought to preserve the natural beauty of Oak Bluffs and my family and I all feel as he did—this is a special place that deserves our protection. We need to make sure it continues to look and feel like our beloved summer place.

Jetty Beach has been a very important part of our family tradition. The threat of losing that beach is painful.

The entrance to the Oak Bluffs Harbor is a nostalgic experience for me, a warm welcome home, and the urbanization of the bluff that has already occurred is something I do not appreciate.

Please be very careful with our natural beauty and do not allow us to look like the Boston waterfront, where I work, or the Jersey shore, where my wife's family spends the summer. We are Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard, and urban solutions to our problems really don't work well here.

Many of my extended family members have purchased second homes in New Hampshire and Maine for ease of access, but we all still celebrate our most important family times here, because it is like nowhere else. Unfortunately, I fear that the continued erosion of the beauty of the Oak Bluffs waterfront will drive us to seek out other shorefront communities for respite and recreation. Be very careful, please.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter R. Crafts". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

Peter Crafts