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Dear Mr. Turner

Please accept this as a letter of support for the Southern Tier Project.

The Island's housing crisis continues to have a negative impact on our economy and infrastructure, and especially, our people. MVC's own recent housing need assessment concluded that the Island's socio-economic diversity is eroding at an alarming rate. We see this daily as businesses close and people are forced to leave the island.

The developers, Island Housing Trust (IHT) and Affirmative Investments (AI) were selected by the Town of Oak Bluffs after replying to the town's Request for Proposals that clearly recognizes the significant need for attainable housing options.

The Southern Tier project directly tackles this critical need by providing affordable and community housing for year-round residents. While I understand some of the concerns raised, it is impossible to provide housing that will please everyone.

I support the IHT and AI team in their efforts to develop Southern Tier and to provide much-needed affordable housing in the Town of Oak Bluffs. In the MVC's language, the benefits to the island - its people, the economy and the community - of this many housing units far outweigh the detriments. Please approve this project as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
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Sent from my iPhone