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Dear Commissioners,

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With the public record reopened, we want to take this opportunity to again to express our support for the Stillpoint Martha's Vineyard, Inc. proposal. As the closest abutters to the project, we have paid very close attention to the Stillpoint proposal and the MVC process since it began last August. We have had a chance to read through the list of conditions and Stillpoint's new offers to drop the request to host weddings, to agree to no outdoor amplified music and their further definitions as to how the space would be used for larger events. We are a year-round family of four with two kids at West Tisbury Elementary. We live less than 100 yards from the barn and feel these concessions thoroughly address any of our concerns and community concerns that have been raised through the process. We also want to highlight that Thomas Bena has been open and communicative with us about his plans leading up to the original proposal and throughout this process. These recent concessions and his open and sensitive communication give us confidence he will continue to respond to concerns as they arise.

As a family, we are lifelong environmentalists who care deeply about conservation and the protection of natural spaces. Professionally, we are documentary filmmakers and have produced social issue, natural history, and science content for NatGeo, PBS, and BBC for more than two decades. We are very happy the Stillpoint project and it's proposed change in land use will be a major part of protecting this special natural environment from further development for generations to come. We also see Stillpoint as a fitting non-profit neighbor to Polly Hill Arboretum to the south and the Lanbank to the west, with an easement facilitating public access to future trails along the Millbrook Watershed. We want to again express our enthusiasm for the project and believe what the Stillpoint project is proposing is in the best interest of the community we are now a part of.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Anna and Banker