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To the Martha's Vineyard Commission Re Proposed Pier in Oak Bluffs

I am a resident of Oak Bluffs and a disabled Vietnam veteran; I have been coming to Oak Bluffs since 1946. My great grandmother, grandparents, and parents are buried in Oak Bluffs. I fished off the Steamship Authority pier as a child. So I, too, have nostalgic memories of Oak Bluffs and fishing.

In this economy I question the wisdom of spending so much money for a fishing pier considering the overall cost of the pier, the upkeep in the future (it faces the Northeast weather), and the limited use of it (seasonal and excluding bad weather days).

In the summer, parking in Oak Bluffs is scarce, especially along the beach road and in the lot where the Island Queen lands and where the proposed pier is to go. Traffic is gridlocked when the ferries arrive. Additional parking and traffic for the proposed pier would seem to be a problem. Query: will Oak Bluffs sanitation (public toilet cleanings), police, hence Oak Bluffs taxpayers pay for additional services required, as well as for upkeep of the pier?

I believe Paul Foley, DRI Analyst/Planner for the MVC (recused from this project), raised valid and factual issues, for example, the depth of water, which should be addressed with factual data rather than personal attacks on the person raising these issues.

In the past I have dealt with Paul Foley on other MVC projects. I am dismayed at the personal attacks on Paul regarding the pier and his comments in the public hearing. I have always found Paul to be a man of integrity who treated me and other concerned parties, in fact all parties from all sides of the issues, fairly and with respect.

Finally, I would like to say, why don't we put the proposed pier in Menemsha?

Sincerely, Richard Schnetke

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