



Coalition to Create
THE MV HOUSING BANK

ENDORSEMENT TEMPLATE

Thank you for adding your voice to the need for affordable housing on Martha's Vineyard by submitting an endorsement letter to the MA legislature supporting the proposed state transfer fee bills H2895, S868, H1377, and to state & local Island governments for CCMVHB's effort toward an Island-wide housing bank. A template letter is provided below, please feel free to adapt it, and add as much of your/your organization or individual concerns as you'd like to share.

Community and local government endorsement letters can be found on our website at <https://www.ccmvhb.org/endorsements>

For businesses/organizations/municipal entities:

- Write endorsement on your letterhead in pdf format
- Include:
 - Date
 - Name of Organization/Company w/ contact info
 - Nature/purpose of Organization/Company
 - Numbers of the proposed transfer fee bills: H2895, S868, H1377
 - Why you are supporting the bills and CCMVHB
 - Names and signatures of owner/director/officers

For individuals:

- Please date, and personalize your letter. Sign your name, including your MA town of residence.

In addition to the email addresses provided for the legislature in the template, please submit a copy of your letter to the Island Select Boards, MV Commission, Dukes County Commission, and CCMVHB (so we can make note of your support). **This is important, especially for businesses/organizations/individuals who employ from across the Island, and serve the community across town borders:**

townadministrator@aquinnah-ma.gov
adminassistant@aquinnah-ma.gov
townadministrator@chilmarkma.gov
townclerk@chilmarkma.gov
jhagerty@edgartown-ma.us
jgrande@tisburyma.gov
abendavid@tisburyma.gov
abutler@oakbluffsma.gov
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If you feel comfortable doing so, please share your support with our community by submitting your endorsement as a "Letter to the Editor" to Vineyard Gazette Editor Julia Wells & Managing Editor Bill Eville, and MV Times Editor George Brennan:

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Please contact us with any questions at all, or for more information, at laura@ccmvhb.org

Sample Letter to follow on next page.

August 15, 2021

Speaker of the House, Ronald Mariano: Ronald.Mariano@mahouse.gov

President of the Senate, Karen Spilka: Karen.Spilka@masenate.gov

Joint Committee on Housing:

Senate Chair John Keenan: John.Keenan@masenate.gov

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House Chair James Arciero: James.Arciero@mahouse.gov

House Vice-Chair John H. Rogers: John.Rogers@mahouse.gov

Joint Committee on Revenue:

Senate Chair Adam Hinds: Adam.Hinds@masenate.gov

Senate Vice-Chair Brendan P. Crighton: Brendan.Crighton@masenate.gov

House Chair Mark J. Cusack: Mark.Cusack@mahouse.gov

House Vice-Chair David Linsky: David.Linsky@mahouse.gov

Senator Julian Cyr: Julian.Cyr@masenate.gov

Representative Dylan Fernandes: Dylan.Fernandes@mahouse.gov

Dear Honorable Members of the Massachusetts House and Senate:

I/We write to you today to ask for action to address the severity of Martha's Vineyard's housing crisis, its negative impact on our economy and infrastructure, and the need for significant, reliable long-term funding Island-wide to implement housing solutions. I support bills introduced in the MA Legislature this session which seek to establish Transfer Fees on real estate transactions over a certain amount to fund affordable, community, and attainable housing. I furthermore support amendments to these bills to allow deed restriction up to 240% of Area Median Income, to address critical year-round workforce housing needs, as our median home price on the Island continues to climb past \$1.15 million.

S868: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S868>

H1377: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1377>

H2895: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2895>

I respectfully request that these bills be reported out of committee favorably. Please note my support.

(Describe why you/your business/organization supports the bills, and why the transfer fee is needed)

I/We also endorse the Coalition to Create the MV Housing Bank (CCMVHB) <https://www.ccmvhb.org/>, which seeks to create an Island-wide housing bank, funded by a transfer fee, for the purpose of directly funding affordable, community, and attainable year-round housing efforts.

Respectfully,

Your Name, organization/business (if applicable), contact info including MA town of residence

