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To The Select Board of the Town of Chilmark:

My name is Jessica Seeman and I am writing to you on behalf of the Chilmark School PTO. The PTO is in the process of planning their annual Spring Auction Fundraiser. This event is a primary funding source for some of the unique programming that takes place at the Chilmark School. Money raised during the auction goes to support the Chilmark School Outing Program, curriculum-driven field trips, curriculum enhancements, and professional development.

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, the auction has been held online. While the PTO plans to keep this online format, we would like to add an on-person event to help develop enthusiasm for the fundraiser and bring the community together.

As part of the shared campus, we would love to hold this in-person event at the Chilmark Community Center. The proposed event will be held on Friday, April 28th from 7PM-10PM with some setup/cleanup time required. This will be a 21+ ticketed event with food, drink, and a DJ. A licensed bartender, with the necessary liability protections and training, will be provided.

A rental request form has been submitted to the town. As a committee dedicated to school support and fundraising, the PTO would like to request that The Board waive the CCC rental fee for this event. Our hope is that all money raised may go directly to school programming and the education of our students.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jessica Seeman
Chilmark School PTO Co-chair