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CHILMARK, MASSACHUSETTS

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Representative Mark Cusack  
Chairman, Committee on Revenue  
Revenue  
Room 34, State House  
Boston, MA 02133

Senator Susan Moran  
Chairwoman, Committee on  
Room 506, State House  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairman Cusack and Chairwoman Moran:

**I write to you today, on behalf and with the full support of the town of the Chilmark Select Board, in support of the following bills:**

- H. 3804 offered by Rep. Dylan Fernandes, “An Act establishing the Martha’s Vineyard housing bank”
- S. 1782 offered by Sen. Julian Cyr, “An Act establishing the Martha’s Vineyard housing bank”

**We ask that you send these bills to the floor for consideration as soon as possible.**

**My Select Board supports HR 3804 and S 1782, as well as transfer fee enabling legislation, because these bills will provide a steady funding stream to finance affordable community and attainable year-round housing in our town and across the island.**

Data compiled by our regional planning agency, the Martha’s Vineyard Commission, see

[https://www.mvcommission.org/sites/default/files/docs/State\\_of\\_Housing\\_MV\\_2023\\_05\\_revised.pdf](https://www.mvcommission.org/sites/default/files/docs/State_of_Housing_MV_2023_05_revised.pdf)

vividly documents the critical shortage of affordable and attainable housing, That shortage has severe impacts across our island, including on our economy, education, health care, food security and public safety.

- *Community stories of housing struggles*
- *Impact on public services – public safety, education, health care, food security*
- *Impact on local economy tourism, business expansion, reliability, variety*

I respectfully request that you put these bills out favorably as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Timothy R. Carroll  
Town Administrator

