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To Whom It May Concern,

Vineyard Power has worked cooperatively with the Town of West Tisbury over the past 12 years to educate our community about renewable energy and the offshore wind process, both at a federal and state level, and to ensure that our questions and concerns were communicated not only to government agencies but also to their development partner, Vineyard Wind and to other project developers.

We recently celebrated BOEM’s approval of Vineyard Wind 1 project as it is the single largest project that will help us mitigate the negative effects of climate change on our coastal community and help our town achieve the goal of becoming a 100% renewable energy community by 2040.

We are particularly supportive of Vineyard Wind’s commitment to invest in our community by creating dozens of well-paid jobs, both technical and commercial, and by investing in our island’s key infrastructure. This will be achieved by basing an operations & maintenance center on the island, including part of our town, and by enhancing our island’s grid resiliency through investments in distributed battery storage paired with solar.

We applaud Vineyard Wind’s investment in our residents through supporting workforce development and training and by ensuring that the benefits of renewable energy are shared equitably, including low-income residents.

Through its partnership with our local island energy cooperative, Vineyard Power, Vineyard Wind has delivered on their previous commitments. This partnership serves as a model for how renewable energy developers can work cooperatively with the local community, resulting in benefits on both sides.

We look forward to continuing to work together to build upon past successes and create new opportunities for our town and island over the next 25 years or more.

We are excited to support Vineyard Wind’s bid in the upcoming Massachusetts III Offshore Wind Solicitation.

Best Regards,