Representative Mark Cusack Chairman, Committee on Revenue Room 34, State House Boston, MA 02133 Senator Susan Moran Chairwoman, Committee on Revenue Room 506, State House Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairman Cusack and Chairwoman Moran:

The Select Board of the Town of West Tisbury write in support of a few bills that are of significant interest:

- H. 2747 offered by Rep. Mike Connolly, "An Act granting a local option for a real estate transfer fee to fund affordable housing"
- H. 3804 offered by Rep. Dylan Fernandes, "An Act establishing the Martha's Vineyard housing bank"
- S. 1771 offered by Sen. Joanne Comerford, "An Act granting a local option for a real estate transfer fee to fund affordable housing"
- S. 1782 offered by Sen. Julian Cyr, "An Act establishing the Martha's Vineyard housing bank"

We urge your quick support for these bills and ask you to send them to the floor for consideration.

The struggle for our residents to find and maintain housing is mounting. As an employer, we find it exceedingly difficult to find and retain employees due to the lack of housing that is affordable even for those making above the Island's median income. The solution to this problem will not be found with one approach, but many.

We ask that you put these bills out favorably.

Sincerely,

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