

May 18, 2020

Dear Chairs of the Select Boards,
Skipper Manter, Melinda Loberg, Brian Packish, Michael Donarama, Juli Vanderhoop,
Warren Doty.

We would like to thank you for your service to our community during this extraordinary time. We appreciate your leadership and efforts to keep the island safe and economically viable. As licensed hoteliers, we also want to do both. In light of the Governor's expected announcement on Monday, May 18 as to how we can plan to re-open our economy and the recent request by the Martha's Vineyard task-force to convene an all-island select board meeting to make sure the island has consistent and equivalent re-opening guidelines, we the MV Lodging Group also request that we have this critical all-island meeting as soon as possible.

Our lodging group has been meeting weekly to discuss many important topics including best practices in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are all in agreement that there are a lot of unknowns about the schedule of opening and what the phasing will be. This is making it extremely hard to plan on executing our business plans.

We feel strongly that we are fully capable of running our businesses under the State Mandated Guidance, that we have more to lose than anyone if the pandemic returns and if we are not making diligent efforts to ensure that social distancing and hygiene protocol are not rigorously enforced. We believe it is in the best interests of the residents and visitors of Martha's Vineyard if all the towns of Martha's Vineyard adopt one set of rules, the State Mandated Guidance, to avoid confusion and pain as our guideline for re-opening our businesses.

We are requesting that you schedule a public meeting immediately of the All Island Select Board to address island-wide issues relating to the coming season. We are seeking your commitment that the island will work as one and provide clarity to us, your business community, as well as residents and visitors on what we can expect.

Tourism is vital to the economic health of our island. The 2019 numbers haven't been released by DOR yet. In calendar year 2018, tourism generated more than \$178 million in direct spending and nearly \$278 million in indirect spending on Martha's Vineyard. Rooms Tax collections were \$2,083,696 and Meals Tax collections were \$534,895.

Your thoughtful consideration of our needs to get open with the least roadblocks is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Ashley Inn, Fred & Janet Hurley
Charles and Charles Inn, Jefferson Davis
Charlotte Inn, Gerret and Paula Conover
Crocker House Inn, Jeff and Jynell Kristel
Dockside Inn, John V. Tiernan
Edgartown Commons, Maria Black
Edgar Hotel, David Rosenberg and Jessica Rosenberg
Harborside Inn, Gregory J. Mafcher
Harbor View Hotel, Bernard Chiu
Hob Knob Hotel, Diane M. Carr
Hotel Ginger, Jamie Heath
Island Inn, Leah Jempel
Kelley House Hotel, Scott Little
Lambert's Cove Inn, John and Keya Cain
Look Inn, Frederick Rundlet
Madison Inn, Mary Ibsen
Mansion House Inn, Josh Goldstein
Menemsha Inn and Beach Plum Inn, Bob and Sarah Nixon
Narragansett House, Kahina Van Dyke and Claudio Casarotti
Nobnocket Boutique Inn, Simon and Annabelle Hunton
Oak Bluffs Inn, Erik and Rhonda Albert
Pequot Hotel, Lisa Allen
Summertime Hotel, Rob Blood
Sydney, Christopher, Richard & Edgartown Inn, Charles and Anne Hajjar
Vineyard Harbor Motel, Christine Thompson
Vineyard Square Hotel, Wesley Doyle
Winnetu Oceanside Resort, Mark & Gwen Snider