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Dear Honorable Members of the Massachusetts House and Senate:

The Chilmark Board of Health respectfully requests that the bills S868 and H1377 be reported out of committee favorably. Please note our support.

We are keenly aware of the both physical and mental health risks and hardship which the housing situation creates in our island community. Our first responders, school staff and healthcare entities on the island deal with its consequences on a daily basis, as does public health. Here as elsewhere, the COVID pandemic has highlighted the effects of socioeconomic disparity with employment and housing both creating striking and intractable issues around workplace and household transmission of COVID.

We also endorse the Coalition to Create the MV Housing Bank (CCMVHB) <https://www.ccmvhb.org/>, which seeks to create an Island-wide housing bank, funded by a transfer fee, for the purpose of directly funding affordable, community, and attainable year-round housing efforts.

Respectfully,

**Katherine Carroll, Jan Buhrman, Matthew Poole**

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