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Dear Honorable Members of the Massachusetts House and Senate:

I write to you today at the direction of the Chilmark Select Board to ask for action to address the severity of Martha's Vineyard's housing crisis, its negative impact on our economy and infrastructure, and the need for significant, reliable long-term funding Island-wide to implement housing solutions.

The Chilmark Select Board supports the bills introduced in the MA Legislature this session which seek to establish Transfer Fees on real estate transactions over a certain amount to fund affordable, community, and attainable housing.

The Chilmark Select Board furthermore supports amendments to these bills to allow deed restriction up to 240% of Area Median Income, to address critical year-round workforce housing needs, as our median home price on the Island continues to climb past \$1.2 million.

S868: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S868>

H1377: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1377>

H2895: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2895>

The Chilmark Select Board respectfully request that these bills be reported out of committee favorably.

Please note the support of the Chief Executive Officers of our community.

Sincerely,

Tim Carroll
Town Administrator