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

Dear Chair Cusack and Chair Moran:

I write to you today, on behalf and with the full support of the Town of Tisbury Select Board, in support of the following bills:

- H. 3804 offered by Rep. Dylan Fernandes, “An Act establishing the Martha’s Vineyard housing bank.”
- S. 1782 offered by Sen. Julian Cyr, “An Act establishing the Martha’s Vineyard housing bank.”

We ask that you send these bills to the floor for consideration as soon as possible.

The Tisbury Select Board supports HR 3804 and S 1782, as well as transfer fee enabling legislation, because these bills will provide a steady funding stream to finance affordable community and attainable year-round housing in our town and across the island.

Data compiled by our regional planning agency, the Martha’s Vineyard Commission, *see* https://www.mvcommission.org/sites/default/files/docs/State_of_Housing_MV_2023_05_revised.pdf vividly documents the critical shortage of affordable and attainable housing, That shortage has severe impacts across our island, including on our economy, education, health care, food security and public safety.

Sincerely,

Roy Cutrer,
Chair, Select Board