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# TOWN OF YARMOUTH

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Ms. Janice O'Connell, Clerk  
Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates  
3195 Main Street  
Barnstable, MA 02630

Dear Clerk O'Connell:

I am writing in support of Proposed Ordinance No. 18-05 to amend Chapter G of the Cape Cod Commission Regulations of General Application relative to Growth Incentive Zones. This ordinance will make it easier for towns that have identified areas appropriate for growth to reduce or eliminate mandatory Cape Cod Commission Development of Regional Impact (DRI) review as an incentive to promote new development and redevelopment.

The proposed ordinance provides towns with more flexibility and streamlines the process for creating and maintaining a GIZ by allowing:

- More flexibility in the purposes for which a GIZ may be adopted and in reducing or waiving mandatory DRI thresholds;
- Eliminates the requirement to "offset" future development outside the GIZ in order to promote and attract new development within a GIZ;
- Eliminates the ten-year expiration of GIZ designations and instead creates a permanent GIZ designation with reviews at 5-year intervals of town progress toward GIZ goals;
- Allows towns flexibility in establishing the local process for proposing and adopting a GIZ;
- Allows the Commission to more effectively provide planning support and assistance to the town within the designated area.

I encourage you to vote to support these regulatory changes in order to help Cape towns to strengthen the local and regional economy.

Thank you for your consideration,

Karen M. Greene, Director of Community Development

Cc: Daniel M. Knapik, Town Administrator