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Ms. E. Suzanne McAuliffe, Speaker
Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates
East Wing Conference Center
Barnstable County Complex
3195 Main Street, Route 6A
Barnstable, MA 02630

Re: Application for District of Critical Planning Concern
West Harwich – "Captains' Row Corridor"

Dear Speaker McAuliffe & Members:

I am writing as member of the Harwich Planning Board, Chairperson of the Harwich Historic District and Historical Commission (the "HDHC"), and finally as a resident of West Harwich, Massachusetts. Due to work commitments, I am unable to attend the public hearing scheduled for December 4, 2019. However, I wish to express my full support of the establishment of a District of Critical Planning Concern for the West Harwich Captains' Row corridor.

As one member of the Planning Board, I voted to recommend that the Board of Selectmen submit this application to the Cape Cod Commission (the "Commission") for consideration. In addition, the HDHC also voted to support the Selectmen's application. Finally, I am a resident of West Harwich, and I travel this stretch of roadway multiple times a day, all year. I believe this corridor is deserving of the designation as a District of Critical Planning Concern, and I hope you will vote in favor of this designation. First, this corridor is a gateway into Harwich from Dennisport on a roadway which is heavily travelled throughout the year. Additionally, this corridor has a high concentration of historic assets including multiple captain's homes which are integral to the Town of Harwich's history. Finally, this corridor can and should serve as the center of the West Harwich village - one of seven villages which make up the Town of Harwich. Each of these villages is unique and contributes to the overall history. In the past few years, Harwich Port has made a resurgence as a vibrant, economic area in Harwich. I am hopeful that with some careful planning, West Harwich can see the same type of revitalization while preserving the historic assets which make it unique.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,


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