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Dear Honorable Members of the Massachusetts House and Senate:

The Tisbury Select Board met on August 10, 2021 and voted unanimously to advocate for favorable action on the following bills before you.


S868: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S868>  
H1377: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1377>  
H2895: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2895>

The Tisbury Select Board also voted unanimously to endorse the creation of an Island-wide housing bank, funded by a transfer fee for the purposes expressed by the Coalition to Create the MV Housing Bank (CCMVHB).

You received a letter from the Tisbury Planning Board expressing how acute the affordable housing problem is for us, dated July 23, 2021. The demographic trends indicate that we are losing young to middle aged cohorts, due to the affordable housing crisis on the island. The affordable housing problem is having a significant adverse impact on local services and businesses since we lack affordable year-round workforce housing. Stable and suitable housing for workers and their families cannot be responded to adequately without an infusion of financial capital. The Select Board believe that the passage of the above-referenced bills would provide needed capital funds for affordable housing that would benefit workers and their families and the island economy.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Kristal, Chair  
Tisbury Select Board