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Subject: Letter to CCC

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To: esilva1@comcast.net

Dear Members of the Cape Cod Commission:

I am writing in support of the proposed construction of Tradesmen Park South in Truro, MA.

I came to Provincetown in 1976 as a Fellow at the Fine Arts Work Center, a seven month, (October – May) residency community for artists and writers. One of the principal missions of the Work Center is to attract artists and writers to live, work and take root in the community. I stayed for eight years, employed by the Work Center, until job opportunities and the lack of affordable housing and studio space, took me elsewhere.

I have recently retired from academic life and am currently in the process of moving to Truro from White River Junction, VT. I will be unable to make this transition without adequate studio space to continue my practice as a working professional artist. I currently inhabit approximately 900 square feet of studio space in Vermont and the space provided by Tradesmen Park South will offer me the ideal environment to continue my work.

The fact that I have been on a waiting list for the past year, for a unit to become available at the current location, is testament to the success of this type of facility and the need for additional space for artists and small businesses on the Lower Cape.

I sincerely hope that you will look favorably on this development and support its implementation.

Sincerely, Bert Yarborough

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