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Cape Cod Commission
c/o Lisa Dillon, Commission Clerk
P.O. Box 226
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RE: Riverview School — Friends Together Phase 2 Housing DRI

Dear Director Senatori and Members of the Cape Cod Commission:

I am writing to express my strong support for Riverview School's proposal to convert the existing hotel into dedicated housing for Friends Together participants and the staff who will support them. As the parent of Ali, a future Friends Together participant, this project is incredibly important and personal to our family.

Ali is a very special part of our lives. Like every parent, I want my daughter to have the opportunity to grow, experience happiness, build meaningful relationships, and enjoy a life filled with purpose and independence. I want her to have a future where she feels safe, supported, valued, and connected to a community that understands her needs and celebrates who she is.
As Ali transitions into adulthood, I naturally have hopes and concerns about what her future will look like. One of my greatest wishes is for her to have a stable and welcoming place to call home, surrounded by people who genuinely care about her and are committed to helping her succeed. The Friends Together program offers something that means so much to families like ours: the opportunity for our children to continue growing, developing friendships, gaining independence, and living meaningful lives with the support they need.

Knowing that Ali could have a place in this community brings our family tremendous hope and comfort. We recognize that a successful transition into adulthood requires more than just housing. It requires consistency, caring staff, meaningful connections, and an environment where each individual is encouraged to reach their fullest potential. Friends Together represents all of these things.

Approval of the hotel conversion is essential to the future of the Friends Together program.

The proposed housing is not simply an additional feature of the program; it is a fundamental part of making this vision possible. Having a dedicated, stable place for participants to live, along with the staff who will support them, is essential to providing the continuity of care and sense of community that families like ours are counting on.

As a parent, it is difficult not to worry about what the future holds for your child as they become an adult. Programs like Friends Together give families hope and reassurance that their children can continue to live fulfilling lives, build relationships, and be part of a community where they belong.

I respectfully ask the Cape Cod Commission to approve the proposed Phase 2 hotel conversion so that Friends Together can move forward as planned. This approval will make a tremendous difference in the lives of Ali and the other future participants who deserve the opportunity for a safe home, meaningful connections, independence, and a bright future.

Thank you for your consideration and for recognizing how important this project is to the individuals and families whose lives it will touch.

Sincerely,

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