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

November 2, 2026

Dear Director Senatori and Members of the Cape Cod Commission:

I am writing in strong support of 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 a future Friends Together participant, this project is deeply personal to me and our family.

Several years ago, our niece came to live with us after her mother died. We were very lucky to find the Riverview community to support her needs as she is an autistic young adult. They have created a balanced infostructure for her to both be independent and cared for. She has become an important part of the Cape Cod community, especially with her internship with Project Search at the Cape Cod hospital. As she turns 22 and transitions out of the current Riverview programing, we are eager to find the next place that can support her needs. Seeing the past success and great progress she has made at Riverview we think Friends Together will be great fit for her future.

For families like ours, the transition into adulthood can bring tremendous uncertainty about housing, continued services, and day-to-day support. Friends Together offers a much-needed opportunity for our child to have a stable home, meaningful connections, and the support necessary to live as independently and fully as possible.

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

This housing is ***not*** an optional addition; it is fundamental to providing a home for participants and a reliable setting for the staff who will support them. Without approval, families like ours would lose access to a vital opportunity for continuity of care and support.

I respectfully urge the Cape Cod Commission to approve the proposed Phase 2 hotel conversion so Friends Together can move forward and provide the care, stability, and community that our loved ones need and deserve.

Sincerely,

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