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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

Dear Director Senatori and Members of the Cape Cod Commission:

My name is Michael Maguire and I am asking for your support of Riverview School's proposal to convert the Irish Village existing hotel into dedicated housing for Friends Together participants and the staff who will support them.

My wife and I relocated our family to Cape Cod in 2015 for the unique opportunity to my daughter Allyson to attend the Riverview School. Ally now lives in Centerville, and is an active participant in the Alumni program.

The fact that so many graduates of Riverview chose to stay in Barnstable is a "Gold Star" recognition to how welcoming the Cape is to the neuro diverse population of our community. The Riverview Alumni campus and housing opportunity will only enhance this reputation. We would never consider leaving the Cape specifically because of the growth opportunities available to our daughter, and her growing independence as a productive adult citizen in Barnstable.

I can list our many personal benefits for approval of this Phase II Housing project, but I don't want the fact to be lost on how terrific all of these investments are for Cape Cod overall. Cape Cod offers a blueprint for adult growth and productivity for these citizens that is the envy of all counties in the United States. (I know this for over decades of conversations with special needs families across the country.) This investment in Phase II and the expanding programs at the Riverview Alumni Center will only enhance and solidify this well-earned reputation for neuro diverse adults, while also easing the housing crisis for young professionals desiring to build their careers on Cape Cod.

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.

I respectfully urge the Cape Cod Commission to approve the proposed Phase 2 hotel conversion; it's a win for Allyson, a win for Barnstable, a win for Cape Cod.

Sincerely,

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