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Arthur F. Hultin Jr., Chair
Truro Zoning Board of Appeals
24 Town Hall Road, P.O. Box 2030
Truro, MA 02666

Dear Mr. Hultin,

I am the Chair of the Truro Housing Authority and am writing on behalf of the Housing Authority in support of an application for a Comprehensive Permit submitted by Community Housing Resource to create 40 affordable residential units at 22 Highland Road in Truro.

The need for affordable rental housing in our town has been well-documented, and this project goes a long way towards responding to that unmet need. This need was clearly identified in John Ryan's 2015 housing needs assessment that was undertaken for the Town of Truro, and this problem has only grown more significant since that time. Our Housing Production Plan that was approved by the Select Board and the Planning Board in 2017, and certified by the State of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development the following year, identified the Cloverleaf development as a significant key to meeting our housing needs. This development will provide 40 units of mixed income, rental housing for a wide range of families in our community.

The Housing Authority has worked closely with the Town since this property was acquired and participated in the development of a Request for Proposals. Currently two members of the Housing Authority sit on the Cloverleaf Oversight committee. The selected developer, Community Housing Resources, has a successful history of partnering with the Town on the Sally's Way project. From the time that the developer was chosen by the Select Board he has shown a willingness to incorporate community feedback into the design of this project and an ability to work collaboratively with representatives of the Town.

Members of the Housing Authority are very excited about this project, and view this as a huge step towards meeting the housing needs of many Truro residents. We are happy to discuss this with you further, and look forward to the support of the Zoning Board of Appeals on this critical Project.

Sincerely,



Kevin Grunwald, Chair

Truro Housing Authority