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Town of Wareham
Planning Board
54 Marion Road
Wareham MA 02571

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Chairman Barrett,

As an abutter to the Hospitality, Recreation and Entertainment District, I am writing to you in support of the proposed Zoning change that is requested for the R-130 District north of Route 25.

I've always thought of Wareham as such a great place to live; so close and not so far away from Boston, Providence and the Cape. Places where everyone likes to visit. As far as I remember, we have always been the Gateway to the Cape -- but we realize what we have here and consider ourselves lucky. We have local beaches, boating, and activities that make so much of our town grow during the summer. We need to realize that this is our time to make Wareham a place to stop at and NOT to just drive thru. We don't have to be the "gateway" to anywhere anymore.

For years, we have noticed more and more people moving to the Southcoast, South Shore, specifically Wareham. This has now been exacerbated by the pandemic. More people are working from home, looking for a nice place to live, and are currently schooling their children from home. You know how many homes that were previously summer cottages are now large year-round homes on the same small lots. I do not want to see 90 or so large homes on the R-130 District zone north of Route 25.

I believe this Zoning change would allow for SMART development in Wareham. The change would not commit the town to any one project. All proposals for this district will have to follow set procedures by the Town. This Zoning change expands the development options that the town could consider and, in my opinion, will protect the district.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula Nord", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paula Nord
Glen Charlie Road