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July 19, 2018

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren United States Senate 317 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Edward Markey United States Senate 255 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Keating United States House of Representatives 2351 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Warren, Senator Markey and Congressman Keating:

I am writing to express my administration's support for the filing of legislation to secure permanent protection for Nantucket Sound by designating it as a National Historic Landmark, recognizing and preserving the extensive and valuable history of the Sound while simultaneously protecting the environmental and cultural resources important to the regional economy.

In 2010, the National Park Service determined that Nantucket Sound was eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. In making this determination, the National Park Service recognized that Nantucket Sound's environmental and historic resources support commercial fishing, marine trades and transportation, tourism, recreation and aviation among other businesses and industries vital to the Cape and Islands. Filing and enacting legislation to provide permanent designation to the Sound ensures that the important history of this area is preserved while continuing to invest in its future. I respectfully request that you consider legislative action to protect this unique and deserving marine environment. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
Charles D. Bazy

Charles D. Baker

Governor



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#### CAPE COD LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

State House, Boston 02133-1053





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#### **RE: Nantucket Sound Protection**

Dear Senator Markey, Senator Warren and Congressman Keating:

As representatives of Cape Cod, we support federal legislation to secure permanent protection for Nantucket Sound. The Sound is vital to our local economy attracting millions of visitors to Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket each year. In addition to tourism, the Sound supports commercial fishing, aviation, marine transportation and other marine trades.

Permanent protection would recognize Nantucket Sound's economic value and rich history, environmental quality, further promote tourism and benefit the regional economy. We fully support protection for the historic, environmental and economic resources of Nantucket Sound while allowing for recreational and commercial fishing activities, as well as, other environmentally and economically sustainable uses of the marine environment.

We urge you to enact legislation to designate Nantucket Sound as a National Historic Landmark. Nantucket Sound should be defined as the water body located below the mean low-water line that lies between the southern shore of Cape Cod, between Monomoy and Mashpee, and the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

The legislation should prohibit development of an offshore wind electric generating facility located in whole or in part within Nantucket Sound or any transmission facility connected thereto; however, it should not limit development of electric transmission facilities that exclusively serve or support upland areas or offshore wind electric generating facilities not

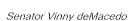


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located within Nantucket Sound. This legislation should require no additional regulation or management of fishing activities.

Thank you for your interest and prompt attention to this important preservation effort.

Sincerely,

Vinny de Macedo State Senator

Plymouth and Barnstable District

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