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Mr. Fred Gaechter
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Dear Fred:

It has been a dramatic 18 months for us and our (former) Truro property, all of it good, and much of it thanks to the Truro Conservation Trust and The Compact of Cape Cod Land Trusts. As you know, we decided to create a conservation restriction on about half of our property on Old County and Stick Bridge Roads and we then sold the property to a wonderful family, including Sarah Blake (a successful novelist) and Josh Weiner (a published poet and professor of poetry at the University of Maryland).

With the help and guidance of TCT and The Compact, we have assured the perpetual protection of a significant portion of our property as a conservation area and prohibited a "McMansion" on the property, which would have been completely contrary to the character of the neighborhood. The added bonus for us was the \$50,000 tax credit refund that we received yesterday from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Honestly, we were a little skeptical that Massachusetts would give money to us since we don't live there, but the check really was in the mail!

We really appreciated the important role played by The Compact and particularly Paula Parrisseau. Her understanding of the law and regulations and her clarity and responsiveness made this a very easy transaction. She was there to answer promptly every question every step of the way.

It has been a great pleasure traveling this journey with you and The Compact.

Sincerely,



Lynn Donaldson