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My name is Christina M. Costello and I am the new Program Director of CONNECT to end violence, a program of Martha's Vineyard Community Services. In the event that you are not familiar with CONNECT to end violence I would like to take this opportunity to share with you its mission: our goal is to reduce domestic and sexual violence through primary prevention efforts, education, advocacy, community mobilization, and by providing crisis intervention and supportive services for survivors of violence.

Julia Burgess

Executive Director

Now that you have a bit of background on what it is that our program does, I would like to ask for your permission to post an informational flyer in the town's public restrooms. Our hope is that by placing supportive information in such highly trafficked public areas individuals can have access to quick, confidential information regarding some very personal issues.

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Please let me know when you intend to discuss this topic at a meeting as I would like to attend to answer any further questions and resolve any possible concerns. I can be reached via email at <a href="mailto:costello@mvcommunityservices.com">costello@mvcommunityservices.com</a> or by phone at

508-693-2278 CONNECT to End Violence: Hotline: 508-696-SAFE (7233)

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