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To: Chilmark Board of Selectmen  
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Re: Stop sign proposal at intersection of the North and Basin Roads

I have been attentive to the many discussions regarding a proposed stop sign at the intersection of North and Basin Roads. In short, I support the proposal. I feel that two of the existing conditions, that I feel are unsafe, would be reduced by the addition of a stop sign.

The first condition being the limited visibility looking left when exiting Basin Road. It is hard to see Westbound North Road traffic approaching this intersection from the Basin Road stop line. Entering this intersection with vehicles approaching along the North Road up to 25mph is risky. Secondly, while approaching the intersection on Basin Road, I have observed the Westbound traffic turning right onto Basin from North turn wide onto and over the Basin Road's double yellow line. While I feel the limited visibility of approaching this intersection is the primary factor creating both these conditions, a stop sign would mitigate these situations.

I have read Michael Mauro's report from the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) and found it comprehensive and supported with data. While the MVC's analysis of their data does not support the installation of a stop sign, they acknowledge other factors may exist for the town to go ahead with the installation.

If the town is not satisfied that stop sign(s) installation is the best solution to improve this intersection, I ask that you consider measures to increase visibility and calm approaching traffic. These measures not only include pruning back existing vegetation but paring back the embankment that obstructs the view. Additionally, the presence of a 'speed table' between Chowder Kettle Lane and this intersection would slow approaching traffic.

Thank you for your consideration,