To the Town of Cape Vincent Planning Board,

I am writing in regard to the Town of Cape Vincent’s plan to resubmit an application requesting $2,000,000 from “Restore NY" Grant Program to stabilize the Carleton Villa. I vehemently oppose this application.

Although I am a Baltimore, MD. resident, I have been a regular visitor to Cape Vincent for the past two years, with hopefully many more to come. I have also been seriously considering a permanent move there. Having grown up on Cape Cod, and now living in a bustling city, I come to Cape Vincent to enjoy the quiet, natural beauty of the area. There is a solitude and peacefulness that is not found in many places, while at the same time a visitor can find most everything they need to relax and enjoy a fantastic vacation in the village.

During my visits, my favorite times have been boating and swimming around Carleton Island due to that afore-mentioned peacefulness and lack of commercialization. I can not imagine that spending $2,000,000 of valuable grant money to *begin* revitalizing a building, and adding a commercial private tourist venture that is merely a campground (on an island that is accessible only by increased boat traffic) is a great idea. In fact, I have only ever seen ideas like this go very badly for the local communities, the environment, and the whole reason people enjoy living and visiting Cape Vincent.

I feel very strongly about conservation, and know that this grant funding could be much better spent in the town of Cape Vincent itself on a project that would actually benefit the residents for years to come, while leaving Carleton Island in peace and free of commercialization.

Please do not support the application for this grant.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Kimberly Day