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Provincetown, Massachusetts
March 15, 1961

Hon. J.T. Rutherford, Chairman
Subcommittee on National Parks,
House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Rutherford:

We would like to present to your Subcommittee additional testimony on Bill H.R. 989 for a Cape Cod National Seashore Park. This new evidence comes from action taken by citizens of Provincetown at their annual Town Meeting on March 13, 1961. We feel that this new evidence is of extreme importance as concerns the National Park in the area contiguous to Provincetown, for it completely refutes testimony by a Provincetown selectman at the Washington hearings of your Subcommittee on March 6,7.

The result of the town vote on the questions involving the National Seashore Park and the proposed acquisition by Provincetown of state owned Province Lands is on the attached sheet, prepared and certified by the Town Clerk of Provincetown.

Question 1 was defeated because the bill referred to, S 587, excludes 394 acres of the wooded section of the Province Lands from the National Park. Question 2 was defeated because it concerns a park with 1600 acres of the Province Lands left out. None of the questions gave the people an opportunity to vote on a park which would include all of the Province Lands. The nearest approach to this was Question 3, which passed with only 5 dissenting votes.

The argument which you have in your record of the hearings to the effect that the people of Provincetown feel that they need or want these public lands is clearly no longer valid or tenable. In view of this we urge that your Subcommittee reconsider boundaries and include all of the Province Lands in the Cape Cod Seashore Park.

Respectfully,

Ross Moffett, for the Emergency
Committee for the Preservation
of the Province Lands