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To: SSInfo
Cc: Jamie Harris; Laura Patrick; Timothy Peterson
Subject: Support for PLDP20250452 and PLDVP20250460, 434 Baker Road, August 27 LTC

Dear Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee,

My name is Corey Johnson. I live at [REDACTED] I write in support of Ethan and Bahareh Wilding's applications for 434 Baker Road — Development Permit PLDP20250452 and Development Variance Permit PLDVP20250460 — ahead of your August 27 meeting.

I own a Marine Construction Company, work throughout the Gulf Islands and have been through numerous permit applications with the Islands Trust myself. I say that because this file is a familiar pattern to me: requirements from staff shifting partway through a process, after an applicant has already followed earlier written direction and paid for the professional work it called for. That is a real cost to people trying to do this properly, and it erodes trust in the process for everyone who applies to the Trust, not just this one family.

On the substance, this same stretch of shoreline already has rock wall protection at both the Quarry Road and Baker Road beach access points, work I've seen directly in the course of doing working on marine structures in this area for the CRD and other property owners, and neither of those rock walls required rezoning. What the Wildings are proposing is a lighter-touch, sloped and permeable revetment, designed by professional geotechnical engineers and reviewed by registered biologists, not a vertical wall. It's hard to see a principled reason to hold this application to a higher bar than protection already in place nearby on the same shoreline. I'd ask the Committee to:

1. Decide the existing applications on their merits on August 27, and not defer them again.
2. Issue the Development Permit and approve the setback variance. Development Permit Area 3 is designated in part to protect development from hazardous conditions, and the Local Government Act allows a development permit to vary the use of land for that purpose, with erosion specifically named in the statute.

Thank you for your consideration.

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