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Dear Tim Carroll,

My name Eric Martinez and I am the production manager on HGTV's "Island Life", produced by Left Right, LLC. We spoke earlier this week over the phone regarding consent for filming in the town of Chilmark. "Island Life" is a family oriented lifestyle/real estate show about couples and families as they search for their perfect homes to live the Island Life. We love to showcase each island as best we can, showing the local flavor, feel and look. Typically, we film on private properties such as people's homes or restaurants. We would like to talk with your office about obtaining a filming permit to shoot in public areas such as parks and beach areas where we can show the family taking walks, participating in activities and generally interacting outdoors as they discuss their decision to move to an island. We would also like to shoot beauty shots of the island, just generic shots of the island with no cast and no audio (what we refer to as b-roll).

You mentioned over the phone that we would not be able to mention on camera the names of the specific locations we visit and we cannot disrupt or have exclusive use of public areas. Please let us know of any additional conditions/requirements for obtaining a shooting permit. We are scheduled to visit Martha's Vineyard from Sept.29th – Oct. 6th.

When we shoot b-roll we are just a two person crew (1 camera operator, 1 production assistant). When we film with the family we are, at our largest, a crew of 8 people - 2 camera operators, audio, 2 production assistants, a production manager and 2 producers - in addition to the family we follow. We travel only in 2 mini vans and we pride ourselves on being unobtrusive, and do not disrupt people in their daily activities. We are a small unit and operate similar to a small news crew in that we use battery-operated cameras and do not use electric generators nor trucks nor cables - we keep everything to a minimum.

We would only need a few hours between 8am and 7pm, because each location looks differently depending on the date, time, weather and other factors, we prefer to be able to move fluidly between locations if at all possible. Thank you for considering our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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