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Kevin Law & Stuart Rabinowitz, LI Regional Economic Dev. Council Co-Chairs
c/o Empire State Development
150 Motor Parkway
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Re: Manna Fish Farms, Inc. - Grant #72899

Dear Mr. Law and Mr. Rabinowitz,

I am writing this letter in support of the application submitted by Manna Fish Farms, Inc. for funding through Empire State Development. Manna Fish Farms will be the first off shore finfish farm on the East Coast of the United States.

Manna Fish Farms is working in collaboration with SUNY Stony Brook, Stony Brook SOMAS (School of Marine and Atmospheric Science), University of New Hampshire, University of Rhode Island, and University of Miami, and in collaboration with ocean farm experts Neil Sims, from The Velella Project and Kampachi Farms in Hawaii, and Bill O'Hanlon, Founder of Open Blue cobia farm in Panama (www.openblue.com)

This project will boost our local economy on the Eastern Long Island, with an estimated 100+ jobs to be added over the next years, while at the same time take pressure off our precious wild fish stocks, and revitalize our working waterfront.

Manna Fish Farms states they are committed to responsible, transparent, sustainable ocean farming. I ask you to consider this request to help this organization.

Sincerely,

Anthony H. Palumbo