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Dear Ms. Rua,

We are writing on behalf of the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences at Stony Brook University in complete support of Manna Fish Farm's NYS consolidated funding application. As New York's premier academic institution for research and development on Long Island, we feel that this initiative will provide many social and economic benefits to our community. In addition, it will provide an opportunity that may retain more of our young minds in the STEM fields here in NY. As scientific advisors of Manna Fish Farms, we are impressed by their vision of truly sustainable seafood production and their willingness to go beyond to support ecosystem restoration and the resuscitation of the Long Island's seafood industry. We wholeheartedly endorse this application.

Sincerely,

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