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November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Re: Manna Farm Fishing

To whom it may concern:

I write to you today on behalf of Manna Fish Farms, Inc. who plans to create an offshore fish farm 8 miles off the coast of Shinnecock Inlet.

Manna Fish Farms is an innovative company and they hope to capitalize on Long Island's natural resources and fishing heritage. Seafood is one of the healthiest food options, and there is a large market here in the U.S., sadly we import 91% of our seafood. Seafood farming is not a new concept, but offshore fish farming is a fairly recent development, it will allow farmers to grow fish on a much larger scale. Finally, on top of the economic prospects of offshore fish farming, there is also an academic aspect to it, Manna Fish Farms plans to create an aquaculture focused public education and outreach initiative in the community, working with schools to develop environmentally friendly methods to harness this food source.

Economically and educationally, Manna Fish Farms offshore farm would have a positive impact on Long Island. I believe they are well deserving of the Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant so that they could attain this goal for the benefit of all. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at (631) 854-3735.

Sincerely,

**Leslie Kennedy**  
Suffolk County Legislator  
12<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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