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William Wise, Director
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Dear Director Wise,

The Center for Integrated Electrical Energy Systems (CIEES) at Stony Brook University is writing this letter to confirm our commitment and enthusiastic support of your proposed project entitled "AquaManna 2.0: An Integrated Offshore Finfish Feed Buoy and Information Center". As a partner institution of Manna Fish Farms, we are interested in addressing and developing the electrical energy necessary to make offshore aquaculture flourish in the United States. We feel that this proposal addresses some of the major barriers that are currently impeding this industry, specifically the creation and operation of a dual finfish feeding and information system able to withstand offshore conditions. In support of this two-year research project, we will be contributing \$40,000 in cash per year to go toward the successful integration and completion of the AquaManna 2.0 buoy, if this project is funded.

We look forward to working with you, Manna Fish Farms, and the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Stony Brook University to remove the barriers in order to make offshore aquaculture on the U.S. East Coast a reality.

Sincerely yours,

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