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Mr. Daniel A. Namur, Manager
National Saltonstall-Kennedy Program
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1315 East-West Highway
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Dear Mr. Namur,

It is my pleasure to support the grant application by Manna Fish Farms, Inc., located in East Quogue, New York. This aquaculture company could become a vital link to the Long Island fishing industry. It is looking to become the East Coast's first offshore fish farm. If successful with the permitting process, this fish farm would be located 8 miles off Shinnecock Inlet, and near New York State's 3rd largest commercial fishing fleet located at Shinnecock Dock. More than 20 fishing vessels call the Shinnecock Dock their home and many more are transient.

The fish farm would raise finfish, shellfish and microalgae in the ocean that will greatly enhance the fishing ability of the Shinnecock fleet and it will help preserve the baymen way of life that is so richly associated with the East End of Long Island.

I fully support your grant approval to help Manna move forward with plans to develop an offshore aquaculture industry that will maintain our working waterfronts and provide a great number of jobs.

Sincerely,

Jay Schneiderman
Supervisor