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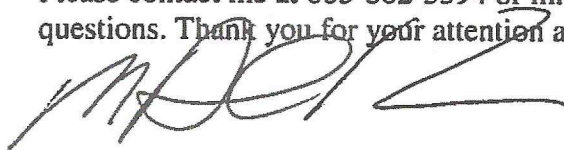
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Dear Evaluation Committee for the 2017 National Saltonstall-Kennedy Competitive Research Program:

Please accept this letter as my written support for Manna Fish Farms as they develop an open ocean, multi species aquaculture farm off of Long Island, NY. Aquaculture permitting in US federal waters is no easy task and takes funding, perseverance and a good team of people to make it happen. I have seen firsthand the team that Founder & CEO Donna Lanzetta has put together for her proposal. I'm encouraged by the team's knowledge and experience to make such a venture possible. To do this, they need 1) support for baseline environmental surveys to fulfill their aquaculture permitting requirements, 2) to collect offshore data for planning purposes and pilot studies, and 3) to create an aquaculture focused public education and outreach initiative that will be open and transparent to the local communities.

The University of New Hampshire (UNH), New Hampshire Sea Grant and UNH Cooperative Extension have an extensive history working with fishermen, communities and local entrepreneurs in developing responsible aquaculture technologies. We look forward to sharing this knowledge base as Manna Fish Farm moves forward with its aquaculture endeavor.

I strongly support Manna Fish Farms proposal to secure funds help create an offshore aquaculture farm that will produce fish, shellfish and seaweed species for US markets. Please contact me at 603-862-3394 or michael.chambmers@unh.edu if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention and consideration



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