



Congressman Lee M. Zeldin
First Congressional District of New York

July 25, 2017

Long Island Regional Economic Development Council
Mr. Kevin Law and Mr. Stuart Rabinowitz, Co-Chairs
C/O Empire State Development
150 Motor Parkway, Suite 311
Hauppauge, New York 11788

Re: Manna Fish Farms (#72899)

Dear Mr. Law and Mr. Rabinowitz,

I would like to express my support for Manna Fish Farms' application for funding through the seventh round of the Empire State Development Grant.

Manna Fish Farms is seeking to become the first offshore finfish farm on the East Coast of the United States. This project is in collaboration with the School of Marine and Atmospheric Science at Stony Brook University, the University of Rhode Island, the University of Miami, and the University of New Hampshire, among other partners. This project will strengthen the local economy through job creation, while removing pressure from our wild fish stocks. The United Nations has stated that aquaculture production must double by 2030 if people are to continue to consume seafood at current levels. Manna Fish Farms is committed to responsible, transparent, and sustainable ocean farming, which is why I am proud to support their application.

I respectfully request that you consider Manna Fish Farms' application. If you would like to discuss this further in depth, please contact my District Director, Mark Woolley, at (631) 289-1097.

Sincerely,

Lee Zeldin
Member of Congress