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Michael Triantafyllou, MIT Sea Grant Director
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Dear Mr. Triantafyllou,

I would like to lend my voice in support of Manna Fish Farms, Inc. of East Quogue, NY for their NOAA National Aquaculture Initiative proposal titled "OFFSHORE MARINE TESTING OF AN ECONOMICAL SUBMERSIBLE CAGE SYSTEM FOR AQUACULTURE". This proposal addresses one of the fundamental barriers to the U.S. offshore aquaculture industry, namely cages that are economically cost-effective for the fish farming industry. The district that I represent is comprised of hundreds of miles of coastline and is an area which has a history rooted in maritime culture. Fishery industries are threatened by water pollution and contamination.

Manna Fish Farms, Inc. has the potential to amplify lessons learned by generations of East Enders by creating sustainable food production that will help fulfill the growing needs of the American public. I am hopeful that you will consider supporting this organization through your grant and helping our community in this promising endeavor.

Sincerely,

Bridget Fleming
County Legislator, Second District

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