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Donna Lanzetta Manna Fish Farms 6 Barracuda Road East Quogue, NY 11942

Dear Ms. Lanzetta,

I am writing in response to your letter seeking support for the National Sea Grant College Program. Thank you for taking the time to advocate for this worthwhile program.

As a long time environmentalist, I have fought for marine sustainability and preservation. I support the Sea Grant program, as it promotes research, education and advisory services in conservation and development of marine resources. It is particularly valuable to coastal communities facing environmental challenges that require innovative solutions as well as preventative measures. Unfortunately, as a State Representative, I cannot advocate on the federal level.

Thank you again for sharing your thoughts with me, and I wish you the best of luck on receiving the necessary appropriations to fund the Sea Grant program. Please do not hesitate to contact me should I be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Fred W. Thiele, Jr.

Member of Assembly

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