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LEGISLATOR, 8TH DISTRICT

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Empire State Development
Long Island Regional Office
Attn: Ms. Cara Longworth
150 Motor Parkway
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Dear Ms. Longworth,

I am writing this letter in support of Manna Fish Farms' grant requests which would bring sustainable aquaculture development to Long Island by establishing new and innovative IMTA aquaculture technology in Long Island waters. It would also repair Shinnecock Inlet Fish Dock Road to be accessed by all Shinnecock Inlet Businesses. The two grants Manna Fish Farms is applying for are titled "Application #82763- Long Island Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture (IMTA)" and "Application #XXXXXX- Shinnecock Working Waterfront Revitalization." It is integral that we work toward developing aquaculture and STEM research in order to support the commercial fishing industry as well as the waterfront community.

Since 2015, I, along with a number of other Long Island based environmental non-profits, have tirelessly worked towards the arduous goal to improve water quality on Long Island. Such legislation would effectively revitalize the water front in order to provide a safe work environment, as well as repair deteriorated infrastructure and renovate to add support services of ICE, requiring electrical upgrades to hook up to municipal water. Our community is deserving of the economic development that would spur from the aquaculture growth and the technological advancements that come with this grant.

Thank you for your consideration regarding sustainable aquaculture development in New York.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Lindsay III".

William J. Lindsay III
Suffolk County Legislator, 8th District