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Ms. Cara Longworth, Regional Director  
Empire State Development Corporation  
150 Motor Parkway  
Hauppauge, New York 11788

RE: MANNA FISH FARMS, INC. – GRANT APPLICATIONS #82763 and #82810

Dear Ms. Longworth,

I am writing in support of applications submitted by Manna Fish Farms, Inc. for Round 8 Grants from the Empire State Development through the Long Island Regional Economic Development. These grant applications will support the establishment of new and innovative IMTA aquaculture technology in Long Island waters and the revitalization and repair of Shinnecock Inlet Fish Dock to support our working waterfront community, and bring Three Phase Electric to Dune Road to be accessed by all Shinnecock Inlet businesses.

In the United States we are importing 90% of our seafood, most of which is farmed, which is why this project is so important. Aquaculture in the United States lags far behind development throughout the world, and this needs to change. These grants will help to support aquaculture growth in our region through these impactful and transformative projects. In addition, aquaculture can provide job opportunities for Long Islanders.

Manna Fish Farms, Inc. is a woman-owned United States aquaculture company that was established in 2013 and is committed to 100% transparency and truly sustainable seafood production, with responsibility and care, and minimal impact upon the environment.

We must cultivate new technology development around aquaculture (IMTA), and at the same time, work towards revitalizing our working waterfront, which supports both aquaculture and the commercial fishing community, therefore, without reservation, I support Manna Fish Farms' applications for funding from the Empire State Development Corporation.

Sincerely,

David G. McDonough  
Member of Assembly

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