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Gene W. Kim, Ph.D.
National Program Leader for Aquaculture
USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Re: RFP USDA-NIFA-SRGP-006738

Dear Dr. Kim:

I write this letter in support of Manna Fish Farm's application along with Stony Brook University Center for Integrated Electric Energy Systems and Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center for their proposal "RENEWABLE ENERGY TO INCREASE RECIRCULATING AQUACULTURE SYSTEM (RAS) EFFICIENCY AND EXPAND U.S. AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION."

Long Island has the opportunity to be a leader in this emerging industry and support through the USDA's "Special Research Grants Program" would be instrumental in advancing the aquaculture industry on Long Island and in the United States. This project seeks to integrate sustainable energy sources thus addressing one of the major constraints to RAS aquaculture growth. This project will make sustainable shrimp aquaculture a reality and include a comprehensive aquaculture education, training and outreach program to support this project.

I am proud to support this growing industry and Manna Fish Farm's grant application to the USDA's "Special Research Grants Program – Aquaculture Research".

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward P. Ra".

Edward P. Ra
Member of Assembly