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To whom it may concern,

We are residents of Northport, Maine at [132 Bayside Road](#). Our property of 8+ acres has 400+ feet of water frontage opening onto Penobscot Bay, literally feet from the Little River opening.

We purchased our property in the fall of 2016, and have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars restoring it, caring for the land, and ensuring its long term environmental fitness. Not only are we devoted to the preservation of Maine's natural resources -- a responsibility we share with our government -- but we are also committed to continuing to invest our time, energy and resources to keep our Maine community healthy, sustainable and safe.

We have extensively reviewed the plans submitted by Nordic Aqua Farms and, like most of our community, we are appalled by the massive scale of this operation. Yes, they have more resources to fight endlessly to overcome the resistance of a small community like ours. Their marketing and lobbying efforts are industrial strength. As our representatives and neighbors, you are our last hope.

The negative effects of this business venture will immediately impact not just our property but the health and well-being of our family and our neighbors. What attracted families like ours to move to this area, raise our children here, and invest substantially in the community...is now in jeopardy.

The proposed project can in no way fully comprehend -- or admit to -- the irreversible devastation it will have on the environment, until it's too late. *We* are the immediate environment. We demand that this effort be halted, immediately.

We are a family which financially supports Belfast, Northport and coastal Maine quite actively. We intend to further support this region financially and through endeavors in the arts. We work hard in New York City as part-time New York City homeowners to earn money to be able to add it to the great state of Maine.

We are counting on your agency to continue to serve as the stewards of our land, our values, and the safety of our children.

Sincerely,
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