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The Secretary,
Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board (ALAB),
Kilminchy Court, Dublin Road,
Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32 DT60.
(Alternatively, adapt for submission to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine)
Regarding: Support for the Proposed Aquaculture / Oyster Farm Licence in Ballyness Bay, Co. Donegal
Dear Secretary,
I am writing as a resident of the parish of Cloich Cheann Fhaola (Cloughaneely) to formally express my strong support for the planned oyster farm initiative in Ballyness Bay.
Our parish is in critical need of local employment and sustainable economic opportunities. Like many rural coastal communities, we face the ongoing challenge of losing our young people to emigration and larger cities due to a lack of viable jobs. This aquaculture project offers a practical solution to help sustain our community, providing secure employment that will allow young people to build their futures and remain living within the parish.
Furthermore, I would like to address concerns regarding the local landscape. The planned oyster farm will not interfere with the natural scenery or act as an obstruction to anyone enjoying the bay. The trestles used for the farm are low-profile installations. Because they are situated in an tidal area, they will be completely submerged and covered by the tide for approximately 50% of the day, leaving the open water views completely unaffected for the majority of the time.
Sustainable aquaculture is an excellent fit for our coastal area, providing jobs without compromising the beauty of our environment. I strongly urge the Board to look favorably upon this project for the long-term social and economic survival of Cloich Cheann Fhaola.

Bríd Uí Cholla

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