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Dear secretary,

I am writing to object to the proposed aquaculture and foreshore developments in Ballyness Bay, County Donegal. As a local resident I value the bay's natural beauty, wildlife and importance to the community.

I am concerned about potential damage to sensitive habitats and wildlife, including the combined effects of cultivation structures, equipment and vehicle movements. Please explain how these impacts have been assessed and how the bay's conservation interests would be protected.

I am also concerned about the potential effects on the landscape, tourism, local businesses and safe public access for walking, swimming and kayaking. The scale of development and the views of the community deserve full consideration.
Our house Eircode F92A3T0 overlooks part of Ballyness bay. We can observe Corncrakes which have been breeding on our land running down to the bay, I believe they are a protected species. We have left this land untouched to provide a natural habitat for these rare birds. We also observe seals on the sandbank, swans nesting on the opposite side of the bay and many various birds of prey. I believe all this natural wildlife will be driven away by the massive industrialisation which will be a direct result of these Oyster a farms and pollution will remain for many years after they decide to abandon the area.
We have personally used the bay for swimming kayaking and windsurfing when weather and tides permit.

I urge you to address these concerns within your responsibilities and support the protection of Ballyness Bay. Please acknowledge this letter, provide a written response and confirm the appropriate route for lodging a formal objection or appeal.

Yours sincerely,
Gordon McFarline