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A Chara,

I am writing to express my absolute and unequivocal support for the aquaculture licence applications in Ballyness Bay. As a full-time resident of West Donegal, I urge ALAB to approve these applications and prioritise the survival of our local community over the hypocritical objections of wealthy outsiders.

It has become an insulting trend in this region that the loudest campaigns against sustainable coastal developments are orchestrated by people who do not even live here full-time. We are currently witnessing aggressive opposition led by affluent, multi-property owners—including one particularly vocal British campaigner who owns no fewer than three houses in this immediate area. It is unacceptable that individuals who treat our home as a seasonal playground are actively sabotaging the economic survival of the people who actually keep this community alive year-round.

Our young people are being priced out of the housing market, completely unable to compete on the property ladder against outsiders buying up multiple homes. To add insult to injury, these same multi-property owners are now trying to shut down the very industries that give local families a chance to earn a living on their own soil. They want to keep Ballyness and West Donegal frozen in time as an impoverished, stagnant 'postcard image' just to preserve their holiday views.

West Donegal is a living, working landscape, not a museum piece for wealthy tourists. We refuse to be starved into emigration to satisfy the aesthetic preferences of outsiders. Sustainable oyster farming provides honest, intergenerational employment that keeps families here, keeps our local schools open, and protects our community's future.

ALAB must choose between supporting the fundamental right of a local community to work and survive, or catering to the elitist demands of multi-property holidaymakers. I urge you to stand with local families and grant these licences.

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Síle Bean Uí Ghrianna