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Dear Neil:

We are writing this letter to thank you for informing us about the release of the draft of Environmental Assessment for the KBWF proposed aquaculture farm, and the related URL. By posting the documents on the web, you have provided another means for the public to access information regarding the proposed project.

We believe that increased transparency of information and communication among diverse stakeholders are critical in the efforts to fully deliberate the ramifications of new technological development, such as marine aquaculture, in Hawaii.

We appreciate your willingness to share information concerning your project and commend you on your use of the internet in widening accessibility.

Sincerely,



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