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Dear County of Humboldt Planning and Building Department:

Please accept this letter to be included with the EIR for the Nordic Aquafarm project. This project is great for Humboldt County and fits in well with our coastal environment, access to water, and for the benefits it will have in our community and bay.

We need jobs, and this project is expected to create at least 150 positions at the facility alone, not to mention all of the other industries that will thrive because of this project. Construction, restaurants, schools, hair salons, etc., and a huge benefit to our tax base. The bay of Humboldt is perfect for this industry. I would personally much rather see this than a deep-water shipping port. Moreover, it will provide relief for our local wild fisheries, and increase the value of line caught fish.

There has been talk of this project requiring a large amount of power. What the critics don't mention is that they are installing solar panels, we have the potential of another wind farm, and they fail to mention the 300 million tons of dirty fuel that goes into shipping goods at sea from across the world to satisfy America's insatiable desire for cheap materials and food. This doesn't account for goods flown over on planes and the cost to the carbon foot print that air freight contributes. It is about time we start producing our products here, in our own backyard, rather than turning a blind eye to the cost of industry in some other land and pretending that we are living in a carbon free world. We need to start to take care of ourselves.

I have attended a number of the informational talks by Nordic Farms and they have done a great job of addressing the needs and concerns of the community. Our family is in full support of this project and are looking forward to having the toxic site cleaned up and the creation of new, well-paying jobs.

Thank you,
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