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Dear Chair Cruz, Ranking Member Cantwell, Chair Westerman, and Ranking Member Huffman:

The undersigned **421** fishing groups, food advocacy organizations, conservation organizations, farmers, businesses, aquaculture producers, chefs, faith-based organizations, and Tribal groups write to urge you to **oppose** the Marine Aquaculture Research for America Act (MARA Act of 2025, S. 2586 / H.R. 5746). While the supporters of MARA frame it as a “science-based pathway” to offshore aquaculture, in reality it represents a dangerous opening for industrial-scale fish farming that **threatens wild fisheries, coastal communities, and the long-term health of our oceans** – and it moves forward under the thin guise of research and development.

Along America’s coasts, we already have vibrant local and regional seafood economies and cultures, including jobs that would be directly threatened by this bill. In fact, our nation’s fishermen *already catch more seafood than Americans consume* (8.4B lbs vs 6.6B lbs). The oceans are a commons – not a place for Big Ag and Big Pharma corporations to privatize, pollute, and profit at the expense of everyone else. Moreover, an enormous amount of federal government spending and ongoing taxpayer subsidies would be required to make these operations financially attractive to multinational corporations.

The MARA Act proposes a “science-based” pathway for developing aquaculture in federal waters, but instead it grants near-**immediate** permission for **commercial-scale demonstration projects with 10-year leases**. This means industrial cages, high fish densities, and all the ecological risks that come with them. Projects currently under consideration all propose **openly discharging all untreated wastes and toxic chemicals directly into the ocean**.

The world’s top producers of ocean-raised carnivorous finfish in net pens **suffer ongoing major disasters** on a nearly weekly basis. Current peer-reviewed science on these topics confirms that the scientific community finds these harms to be ongoing and significant. Norway’s salmon farms, often referred to as a beacon in the industry, are plagued by constant disease outbreaks, escapes, and financial volatility. Scotland also suffers from diseased farmed fish and rampant sea lice outbreaks. We don’t want to bring this mess to America.

The alleged “benefits” of offshore aquaculture touted by its supporters actually serve corporate interests, not fishing communities or the ecological integrity of our public waters. The MARA Act risks **displacing sustainable seafood systems, local fisheries, and centuries of fishing culture**. Offshore aquaculture could further lower prices for wild-caught seafood, compete for fishing space, and threaten local seafood markets and the livelihoods of independent commercial fishermen and regional seafood economies.

The listing of large agribusinesses and foreign corporations among the bill’s supporters reveals the kind of corporate consolidation at stake for our federal waters. Once offshore aquaculture becomes permitted, large regions of the ocean could be fenced off, polluted, and repurposed for industrial food production, **blocking off access for America’s fishermen and shrimpers**, as well as **directly harming the tourism and recreation industries**. The cumulative impacts to water quality, marine life, and coastal ecosystems – from waste, toxic chemical inputs, antibiotics, escapes, and disease transfer to wild fish – remain substantial. It is impossible to “Make America Healthy Again” by feeding these diseased creatures to Americans.

Proponents promise “robust data,” but once cages are constructed, momentum will build to treat them as permanent fixtures, regardless of early problems. **That’s the entire point of MARA – jump first, get a foot in the door, and then assess the damage later once it’s too late to turn back.** The bill would carve up the oceans for **foreign and venture capital-backed corporate farms** under the pretense of “research.” Instead, Congress should:

- **Reject the MARA Act** and related proposals
- Invest instead in **existing community-led, responsible seafood systems** – such as sustainable wild fisheries, low-impact aquaculture, shellfish and seaweed farming, and community-based seafood processing.
- Support policies and legislation that strengthen wild fisheries, low-impact shellfish and seaweed farming, protect fishing communities, and genuine ocean stewardship, such as:
  - The [\*\*Domestic Seafood Production Act\*\*](#), and the
  - The bipartisan [\*\*Keep Finfish Free Act of 2025\*\*](#)

This proposed bill is not a cautious step toward better seafood; it’s a bold leap into industrializing our oceans, prioritizing corporate profit over local fishing jobs, healthy ecosystems, and resilient coastal communities. The seas belong to all of us — not to whoever can afford cages and corporate lobbying.

**Please REJECT the MARA Act.**

Respectfully,



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Chelsea Kravitz & Christopher Dawson, Owners  
Camden, ME

## **MARYLAND**

**Grey Owl**  
Mark Eustis, Managing Director  
Davidsonville, MD

**Missionary Society of St. Columban**  
Amy Echeverria, International Director of  
Ecology, Justice, and Peace  
Silver Spring, MD

**Sur Lie & Gather**  
Krista Cole, Owner  
Portland & Yarmouth, ME

**Twelve Restaurant**  
Colin Wyatt, Chef  
Portland, ME

**Swette Center for Sustainable Food Systems  
/ Ventura Foods**  
Sam Herring, Sustainable Food Systems  
Scholar and Food Safety Supervisor  
Frederick, MD

**Waterkeepers Chesapeake**  
Robin Broder, Acting Executive Director  
Silver Spring, MD

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

**Bar Vlaha**  
Eric Lord, General Manager  
Boston, MA

**Calabrian LLC**  
Eva Douzinas, President  
Boston, MA

**Chatham Harvesters Fishermen's  
Co-operative**  
Brett Tolley, Co-Founder & General Manager  
Chatham, MA

**Conservation Law Foundation**  
Heather Govern, Vice President  
Boston, MA

**Eva's Little Kitchen**  
Eva Badra, Chef/Owner  
Boston, MA

**F/V Heidi Lyn & F/V Fishmaker**  
Chris Townsend, Commercial Fisherman  
Provincetown, MA

**F/V Odessa**  
Timothy Barrett, Commercial Fisherman &  
President Northeast fishing sector 10  
Marshfield, MA

**Grassroots International**  
Trina Jackson, Solidarity Program Officer  
Boston, MA

**Island Creek Oysters**  
Christine Gibson, Restaurant Manager  
Duxbury, MA

**KAS Consulting**  
Karen Spiller, Principal  
Boston, MA

**Kri Kri Grill**  
Brendan Pelley, Executive Chef & Restarateur  
Chelmsford, MA

**Longfellow Health Clubs**  
Laury Hammel, Owner and CEO  
Wayland, MA

**Our Wicked Fish**  
Amanda Davis, Executive Director  
Deerfield, MA

**Resolve Place**  
Courtney Cole, CEO  
Gloucester, MA

**Sciencecorps**

Dr. Kathy Burns, Director  
Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA

**Sustainable Business Network of MA**

Laurence Hammel, Executive Director  
Cambridge, MA

**Temple of Understanding**

Grove Harris, Director of Global Advocacy  
Barnstable, MA

**Turner's Seafood**

Kathi Turner, CEO  
Massachusetts

**MICHIGAN****Airport Community School**

Grace Willer, Literacy Coach and Homestead  
Owner  
Carleton, MI

**Detroit Community Wealth Fund**

Keyanna Silverman-Maddox, Executive Director  
Detroit, MI

**Zingerman's Roadhouse**

Bob Bennett, Head Chef  
Ann Arbor, MI

**MINNESOTA****Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy  
(IATP)**

Shiney Varghese, Sr. Policy Analyst  
Minneapolis, MN

**Leader Creek Fisheries**

Meghan Reilly, HR for Naknek Processing Plant  
St. Paul, MN

**Real Food Media**

Tanya Kerssen, Co-Director  
Minneapolis, MN

**MISSISSIPPI****A Cooking Revolution**

Julie Diaz, Founder  
Clarksdale, MS

**Gulf Islands Conservancy, Inc.**

Terese Collins, Board Member & Pres. Emeritus  
Biloxi, MS

**Ship Island Excursions**

Captain Louis Skrmetta  
Gulfport, MS

**MONTANA****Bridger Seafood**

William Baker, Commercial Fisherman  
Belgrade, MT

**F/V Dreamboat**

Emily Fuller, Fmr. Fisherman and Educator  
Helena, MT

**F/V Karma**

Cody Gill, Commercial Fishing Captain  
Helena, MT

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

### **Coastline Seafood**

Denise Hunt, Owner  
Hampton, NH

### **Fold'd Community Diner**

Mark Segal, Chef  
Somersworth, NH

### **Fox Point Oysters, LLC**

Laura Brown, Owner of Aquaculture Farm  
New Hampshire

### **Main Street Cheese, LLC**

Sarah Gilliatt, Goat Farmer, Manager, Owner  
Hancock, NH

### **Raymond Fisheries, Inc.**

Captain Lucas Raymond  
Portsmouth, NH

### **Swell Oyster Company**

Russell Hilliard, Co-Owner  
Hampton, NH

### **Lisa Schwarz, Freelance Florist**

Portsmouth, NH

### **Taproot Farm & Environmental Education Center**

Melissa Grella, Executive Director  
Lancaster, NH

### **Throwback Brewery**

Carrie Dahlgren, Head Chef  
North Hampton, NH

## **NEW JERSEY**

### **Annice Marie Fisheries**

Christopher Rainone, Commercial Fisherman  
Tuckerton, NJ

### **Clean Ocean Action**

Cindy Zipf, Executive Director  
Long Branch, NJ

### **Environmental Education Fund**

Lindsey Kayman, President  
Trenton, NJ

### **F/V Dana Christine II**

Kevin Wark, Commercial Fisherman  
Barnegat Light, NJ

### **F/V Webo / Barnegat's Best Seafood**

James Dopkin, Seafood Market, Pack out dock,  
Boat Owner & Operator  
New Jersey

### **Fishermen's Dock Cooperative, Inc.**

Jessica Arnot, Fishermens' Dock Office  
Manager  
Point Pleasant Beach, NJ

### **Good Trouble Hospitality**

David Viana, Executive Chef  
Four restaurants across New Jersey

### **National Organic Farming Association - New Jersey (NOFA-NJ)**

Cali Alexander, Policy Chair  
Lambertville, NJ

### **Raritan Riverkeeper**

Bill Schultz, Riverkeeper  
Keasbey, NJ

### **Slow Food Northern New Jersey**

Theresa Dinan, Board Member  
Westfield, NJ

### **Slow Food South Jersey**

Jeff Quattrone  
Woodstown, NJ

## **NEW YORK**

### **Citizens Campaign for the Environment**

Adrienne Esposito, Executive Director  
Farmingdale, NY

### **Finca Seremos**

Chris Nickell and Brenda González, Co-founders  
Callicoon Center, NY

**Fire Farms**

Adam Kingston, Chef  
Hamptons, NY

**Emily Fox**, Freelance Chef  
Brooklyn, NY

**Gillin Fisheries Inc.**

John Gillin, Commercial Fisherman  
Jenny Gillin, CFO  
Westhampton, New York

**Good Food Buffalo Coalition**

Jessica Gilbert-Overland, Director  
Buffalo, NY

**iEatGreen, LLC**

Bhavani Jaroff, Owner, and Chair of Slow Food  
North Shore  
Old Westbury, NY

**Adam Jadhav**, Researcher

American Museum of Natural History  
New York, NY

**Long Island Commercial Fishing Association  
(LICFA)**

Bonnie Brady, Executive Director  
Montauk, NY

**Moms for a Nontoxic New York (MNNY)**

Kathleen Curtis, Executive Director  
Schenectady, NY

**NORTH CAROLINA****1st Integrity Insurance Services**

Angie Fearing, Coastal Small Business Owner  
Buxton, NC

**Little Blue Bakehouse**

Allison Vick, Chef & Owner  
Raleigh, NC

**Northeast Organic Farming Association -  
Interstate Council**

Steve Gilman, Policy Coordinator  
Stillwater, NY

**Northern Rose Selections**

Kristin Pike, President  
New York, NY

**Overlook Farms**

Maurice Pierre Friedrichs  
East Chatham, NY

**Oyster Club NYC LLC**

Kelsey Burki, Founder  
Brooklyn, NY

**Pacific Cloud Seafoods**

Ryan Horwath, Fishmonger, Fisherman  
Buffalo, NY

**Rock Steady Farm**

Maggie Cheney, Co-Director & Co-Owner  
Millerton, NY

**Neha Savant**, Wildlife & Fisheries Ecologist  
City Government

New York, NY

**Soul Fire Farm**

Susuyu Lassa, Partnership Manager  
Grafton, NY

**Waterkeeper Alliance**

Larry Baldwin, Program Coordinator  
New York, NY

**RAFI**

Melanie Canales  
Challenging Corporate Power Project Manager  
Pittsboro, NC

**Roof Above**

Kurt D'Aurizio, Executive Chef  
Charlotte, NC

**Shellem Seafood Company**

Ana Shellem, Owner/Operator  
Wrightsville Beach, NC

## **NORTH DAKOTA**

### **F/V Bangarang**

Cpt. Nathanael Sconce, Commercial Fisherman  
Watford City, ND

### **Dakota Resource Council**

Sam Wagner, Ag & Food Field Organizer  
Casselton, ND

### **Recreational fisher**

Rita Leistritz  
Wells Fargo, ND

## **OHIO**

### **Williams County Alliance**

Sherry Fleming, Chairperson  
Bryan, OH

## **OREGON**

### **At The Table Foods, LLC**

Vanessa Salvia  
Pleasant Hill, OR

### **BNS Fisheries DBA Safe Harbor Seafoods**

Susannah Montague, Owner  
Newport, OR

### **F/V Fate Hunter & F/V Marie Kathleen**

Randy Layman, Owner Operator  
Astoria, OR

### **F/V Jo EI**

Brett Montague, Commercial Fisherman and  
Owner  
Seal Rock, OR

### **F/V South Bay; South Bay's Wild Fish House**

Rob Seitz, Commercial Fisherman  
Astoria, OR

### **Little Fish Fine Seafood Market**

Greta Horn, Commercial Fisher, Fishmonger  
Coos Bay, OR

### **Oregon Coast Visitors Association, Inc.**

Marcus Hinz, Executive Director  
Tillamook, OR

### **Sea-Bres**

Breanna Henderson, Owner of Seafood  
Processing Business  
Newport, OR

### **Whitsett Fisheries**

Seth Whitsett, Commercial Fisherman & Boat  
Owner  
Warrenton, OR

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

### **F/V Ava Jane & Wild for Salmon Inc.**

Steve Kurian, Commercial Fisherman  
Tess Jacobson, Marketing & E-Commerce Sales  
Manager  
Abigail Anne Coy, Customer Service  
Representative  
Meghann Miller, Director of Sales & Purchasing  
Bloomsburg, PA

### **Fishadelphia**

Veronica Sterling, Cultural Worker  
Philadelphia, PA

### **Freelance Chef**

Valerie Erwin  
Philadelphia, PA

### **Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers**

Dr. John Sivalon, Reverend  
Scranton, PA

### **G Shucks and Co.**

Gary McCready, Professional Oyster Shucker  
Philadelphia, PA

**Slow Food Philadelphia**  
Jennifer Dolan, Chair  
Tegan Hagy, Board Member  
Victoria Vricella, Fisherwoman  
Philadelphia, PA / Medford, NJ

## **RHODE ISLAND**

### **Dune Brothers**

Nicholas Gillespie, Chef/Wholesale Director  
Rhode Island

### **Eat Drink Rhode Island**

David Dadekian, President  
Coventry, RI

### **Eating with the Ecosystem**

Kate Masury, Executive Director  
Wakefield, RI

### **F/V Wild and Free**

Sarah Schumann, Commercial Fisherman  
Warren, RI

### **Quonnie Fish Co-op**

Frank Salustri, Co-Founder  
Westerly, RI

### **South County Fishmonger**

Jason Jarvis, Commercial Fisherman  
Westerly, RI

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

### **Chefscholar, LLC**

Kevin Mitchell, Chef Instructor, Culinary Historian  
North Charleston, SC

### **Gullah Man Oysters**

William Green Jr., Founder  
Hilton Head, SC

## **TENNESSEE**

### **Saam**

Colby Rasavong, Executive Chef  
Nashville, TN

### **Slow Food Tri-Cities**

Sarah Long, President  
Johnson City, TN

### **Tennessee Riverkeeper**

David Whiteside, Executive Director  
Decatur, AL

## **TEXAS**

### **Alabama Gardens**

Calina Kumula, Permaculture Educator & Gardener  
Alabama St., Houston, TX

### **F/V Sea Horse**

Kyle Kimball, Owner, Captain  
Nederland, TX

### **Cummings Education Consulting**

Prof. Carol Cummings  
Sugar Land, TX

### **I.B. Double D., LLC**

Binh Han, Manager  
Groves, TX

### **Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance**

Judith McGahey, Executive Director  
Cameron, Texas

### **Port Arthur Area Shrimper's Association**

Tricia Kimball, Vice President  
Nederland, TX

### **F/V Brigadier Sr.**

Cpt. Sebastiano A. Valastro, Owner  
Galveston, TX

**Store House Market & Eatery**  
David Barrow, Restaurant Owner, Farmer  
Sonya Cote, Chef  
Bastrop, TX

**Xpozher**  
Yolanda Green, Boutique Owner  
Houston, TX

## **UTAH**

**Deckhand** (across several boats)  
Paul Jones, Commercial Fisherman  
Murray, UT

**F/V Lightfoot**  
Ryan Guiggey, Captain  
Salt Lake City, UT

**Slow Food Utah**  
Gwen Crist, Chair  
Salt Lake City, UT

## **VERMONT**

**Cedar Mountain Farm & Cobb Hill Cheese**  
Stephen Leslie, Dairy & Produce Farmer  
Hartland, VT

**Hunger Free Vermont**  
Victoria Castillo, Operations and Program  
Support Specialist  
South Burlington, VT

**Center for an Agricultural Economy**  
Kelly Stokes, Communications Coordinator  
Barton, VT

**Informed Green Solutions**  
Carol Westinghouse, President  
Charleston, VT

**Chile Colorado**  
Mara Welton, Owner  
Burlington, VT

**Northeast Organic Farming Association of  
Vermont (NOFA-VT)**  
Maddie Kempner, Policy & Organizing Director  
Richmond, VT

**Community Dock Seafood**  
Maria Steyaart, Seafood Market Owner  
Duxbury, VT

**Rural Vermont**  
Graham Unangst-Rufenacht, Policy Director  
Montpelier, VT

**F/V Miss Alice**  
Captain Lynn Steyaart, Commercial fisher, direct  
marketeer  
Duxbury, VT

**UVM Institute for Agroecology**  
Shane Rogers, Outreach and Narrative Lead  
Milton, VT

## **VIRGINIA**

**Food Works Group**  
Lani Furbank, Researcher  
Annandale, VA

**Still Kickin' Seafood and Stay the Course**

**Slow Food USA**  
John Haddad, Regional Councilor  
Richmond, VA

**LLC**

Nathan Everett, Commercial Fisherman,  
Captain, Owner/Operator  
Virginia

## **WASHINGTON**

**Alaska's Big Village Network**  
Carl Wassilie, Yup'ik Biologist  
Vashon, WA

**Bristol Marine LLC**  
David Vardy, Commercial Fisherman  
Stanwood, WA

**Community Alliance for Global Justice**  
Heather Day, Executive Director  
Seattle, WA

**Deep Cove, LLC**  
Jace Rinker, Commercial Fisherman  
Bellingham, WA

**Duna Fisheries, LLC**  
Amy Grondin, Co-Owner & Fisherman  
Port Townsend, WA

**Eatmoresalmon LLC**  
Erwin Stroosma, Commercial Fisherman  
Mount Vernon, WA

**Fall Line Fisheries, LLC**  
Captain Michael Jackson  
Bellingham, WA

**Farm and Food Justice Network**  
Jude Wait, Director  
Vancouver, WA

**Fishing Vessel Owners Association**  
Robert Alverson, Executive Director  
Bothell, WA

**F/V Komiza**  
Cpt. Nikolas Mardesich, Commercial Fisherman  
Anacortes, WA

**F/V Arminta**  
Greg Friedrichs, Co-Owner, Fisherman  
Port Townsend, WA

**F/V Balaiak**  
Susan Aspelund, Ex-commercial fishing captain  
Port Angeles, WA

**F/V Betty H**  
Jeremy Brown, Fisherman  
Bellingham, WA

**F/V Daddy O**  
Cpt. Miles Oczkewicz, Commercial Fisherman  
Ferndale, WA

**F/V Dan O**  
Alex Oczkewicz, Commercial Fisherman  
Mt. Vernon, WA

**F/V Echoleen**  
Maryanna and Randall Kroeze, Owners  
Moses Lake, WA

**F/V Evergreen, F/V Fantasea2, F/V Sinner**  
David Lawler, Boat Owner, fish buyer/trader  
Bellingham, WA & Naknek, AK

**F/V Joan L**  
Cpt. Mark Ludwig, Commercial Fisherman  
Stanwood, WA

**F/V Josey Wales**  
Milton Best, Commercial Fisherman  
Poulsbo, WA

**F/V Kamanu**  
George Gjertsen, Captain  
Everett, WA

**F/V Katana**  
Cpt. Brendan Mulholland, Owner, BBSS  
Commercial Fisherman  
Blaine, WA

**F/V Karly**  
Peter Nash, Commercial Fisherman  
Seattle, WA

**F/V Kristina Mae**  
Peter Girvan, Captain  
Friday Harbor, WA

**F/V Miss Melito**  
Mike Carr, Commercial Fisherman  
Port Townsend, WA

**F/V Oceanus**  
Kate Patera, Commercial Fisherman  
Bellingham, WA

**F/V Opportunity**  
Kim Hathaway, Fisherwoman  
Bothell, WA

**F/V Ransom**  
Gary Green, Commercial Fisherman  
Seattle, WA

**F/V Shane D**  
Anne Mossness, Fmr. Commercial Fishing Captain  
Bellingham, WA

**F/V Stella Mae**  
Cpt. Will Koger, Commercial Fisherman  
Arlington, WA

**F/V Stormy**  
Nick Zuanich, Commercial Fishing Captain and Boat Owner  
Bellingham, WA

**F/V TEN**  
Cpt. Chuck Carpenter, Commercial Fisherman  
Everett, WA

**F/V Tommie O**  
Jason Schultz, Commercial fisherman  
Washougal, WA

**F/V Woozie (AK); F/V Intruder (WA)**  
Patrick Nash, Commercial Fisherman  
Friday Harbor, WA

**Gilmore Fisheries, F/V Outsider, F/V Seahawk**  
Talia Lawrence, Commercial Fisherman  
Seattle, WA

**Kathleen Henneuse**, Commercial fisherman  
Crewmember & Student  
Seattle, WA

**Inna Pinch, LLC**  
Chris Grifo, Commercial Fisherman  
Washington

**Mark Kaufman**, Ret. Environmental Planner  
Washington Department of Ecology  
Bellingham, WA

**Lummi Island Wild**  
Ian Kirouac, President  
Bellingham, WA

**Mangrove Action Project**  
Alfredo Quarto, Co-Founder & Advocacy Director  
Port Angeles, WA

**Peggy Jo and the Prodigal Son**  
Martin Mundell, Captain / CEO  
Bellingham, WA

**RE Sources**  
Kirsten McDade, North Sound Waterkeeper  
Bellingham, WA

**Rich's Marine Repair**  
Richard Cordes, Marine Electrical  
Snohomish, WA

**Salmonberry Tribal Associates**  
Leo Wassilie, Co-Founder & Indigenous Fisherman  
Nenana, WA

**Seater & Co.**  
Kim Seater, Owner / Commercial Fisher  
Seattle, WA

**Twin Harbors Waterkeeper**  
Eleanor Hines, Executive Director  
Rochester, WA

**Two If By Seafoods**  
Shannon Ward, Commercial Fisherman and Small Business Owner  
St. John, WA

**WAC Fisheries**  
Philip Lafata, Captain  
Ferndale, WA

## **WISCONSIN**

**Amy Cottrell**, Fisheries Biologist  
State Government  
Milwaukee, WI

**YouBetcha**  
Kimberly Regner, Owner  
Cedar Grove, WI