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Senator Gary Stevens
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Dear Senator Stevens,

I am the President of the Board of Directors of OceansAlaska, which is a non-profit shellfish hatchery located in Ketchikan, AK. OceansAlaska supports SB 95 because it will diversify economic development and increase environmental stewardship by:

1. By allowing shellfish and seaweed hatcheries to access loan funds to support operations and production costs for seed to mariculture farmers.
2. This allows the mariculture industry to grow, because without a consistent, healthy source of seed the industry cannot expand.
3. SB 95 places shellfish and seaweed hatcheries on a path to financial stability.
4. Enable the mariculture industry to grow past the constraint of limited seed supply, because without a consistent, healthy source of seed, the industry cannot expand.

Thank you for your support of SB 95 and the mariculture industry.

Best regards,

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