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Jonathon Belcher
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Dear Jonathon;

This letter is to indicate the Virginia Economic Development Partnership's (VEDP) support for continuing discussions with Dominion Aquaculture. VEDP has a strong commitment to Southwest Virginia and enthusiastically supports any company that has the potential to provide new jobs for the region's citizens and new capital investment for its localities. Dominion Aquaculture represents an opportunity to diversify the region's economy, which has suffered significantly with the decline in coal and coal related industries.

VEDP understands the Dominion Aquaculture has engaged with a new investment firm and remains committed to partnering with the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority and the Commonwealth to help bring this project to Southwest Virginia. We welcome the opportunity to continue working with Dominion Aquaculture to review the business plan and financial model to fully understand the project and identify all potential incentive programs that may be available for this investment opportunity.

Sincerely,

Stephen Moret
President, CEO
Virginia Economic Development Partnership

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