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Dear Constituent:

I know we have corresponded in the past about your concerns regarding open net fish farming prospects being explored by Cermaq and other commercial operators in both St. Margaret's Bay and Mahone Bay.

There comes a time when an elected official must clearly represent his or her constituents' viewpoints, regardless of personal point of view.

Although it has been my clearly stated position that, when properly done, open pen aquaculture can be done in a responsible manner which both protects the environment and supports rural economic development, this interpretation is not shared by many constituents. In fact, the vast majority of persons who have made their opinions known to me are opposed to open net fish farming.

Therefore, in all conscience, I cannot continue to support commercial pursuit of potential sites for open net aquaculture sites off our shores.

I thank you for taking the time to reach out about this important matter.

Regards,

Hugh MacKay, MLA  
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