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Dear legislators,

Having been involved in a lawsuit with Nordic Aquafarms for 2 1/2 years or so we have had the opportunity to see our state government in action when there is something they really want. By "they" I mean Governor Mills and anyone she can influence. It started at the very beginning when DEP officials were pressured to drop a January 2019 demand that Nordic Aquafarms (NAF) submit more proof of the company's right to lay pipelines through a disputed intertidal zone. Shortly after Gov. Mills was sworn in this demand disappeared into thin air. The next thing that happened was that the current allowable Nitrogen discharge of 1,000 lbs/day was increased to 1600 lbs/day. Here at home the City of Belfast decided to call smokestacks "chimneys" so Nordic can overcome the smokestack limitation and essentially go as high as they like. The City of Belfast is fine with Nordic shortening the effluent pipe by nearly half a mile and dumping their nitrogen and other 400 lbs of toxic (to marine life) material in only 35-45 feet as opposed to their originally proffered "deep ocean currents". The City of Belfast also bent over backwards to create an industrial zone on a wildlife corridor and greensward as opposed to finding a brownsite. Now the government is going to relax safety standards? I would say we have had enough coercion from this industry and our government's compliance. I hope you will vote against any more loopholes for these venture capitalists who can see only \$\$\$ and care little about the damage inflicted on the land and sea.

Highest regards,

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