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For the guidance of Groups wishing to write to Minister Creed.

Date

Mr. Michael Creed T.D.
Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
Agriculture House
Kildare Street
Dublin
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Dear Minister

Re: Ballyness Bay, Co. Donegal.

On behalf of *name of organisation* I write to express our shock, anger and outright opposition to proposals to use Ballyness Bay for industrial shellfish production. We use the bay on a regular basis (*list activities*).

Not only is it an area of great natural beauty; it is home to a great range of plants, birds and animals, some of them rare and protected, which make it a very special place. That is why the EU and our Government have declared it to be a Special Area of Conservation. Does that mean nothing?

Minister, Ballyness Bay is precious to us. It is a supreme part of our environmental heritage. It is a treasure for us and our children and their children, down the generations. We cannot believe that you would contemplate plundering it and stealing it from the community in order to enrich a few private individuals. We put you on notice that any attempt to do so will be opposed by any and all means at our disposal. We urge you to see sense and to abandon any plans for this proposed act of environmental vandalism.

Yours sincerely