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Subject: Missed Opportunity

Hi Loren,

I am the manager of South Mountain MicroFARM, a small scale (7,500sq.ft.) commercial Aquaponics

producer located in Boonsboro, MD. I was given your contact information, from Freshwater Institute, to touch base with you about attending the Production Systems Stakeholders listening session on August 16. Unfortunately we were unable to attend this event due to a scheduling conflict and mechanical issues at our facility. But I still wanted to reach out and have an opportunity to express some topics that we look forward to working with Freshwater Institute on in the near future.

Since the beginning of our operation we have felt that our Aquaponic Systems designer had abandoned us. Especially once the system was paid for and constructed. If it was not for the efforts of Freshwater Institute aiding us through a major setback we would not be in operation today.

As our business grows we look forward to working with Freshwater Institute to help us expand the fish production portion of our business and to help guide us through any other future hurdles we might come across.

In conclusion we value our relationship with Freshwater Institute and feel the research and support they provide to the aquaculture industry is invaluable.

Feel free to contact me with any questions on this topic.

Thanks,

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