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The Honorable Lawrence P. Greenlaw, Jr.
Stonington
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Dear Representative Greenlaw:

I have returned from vacation today and find on my desk your letter of June 14, 1976. This will confirm the oral advice that I rendered to you in a recent telephone conversation. From the facts as set forth in your letter, I do not believe that there is any conflict of interest represented by your assisting the Stonington Lobster Co-Op in their application for a Federal Economic Development Administration Grant to construct and operate a fish processing plant in Stonington. Since the agency to whom the application is made is Federal and there are no State funds involved, your position as a Representative in the Maine Legislature does not create a conflict of interest for you under Maine statutes. Maine statutes only address conflicts of interest created by Maine legislators doing business with the State and its various agencies. Whether or not your involvement with the application is consistent with Federal statutes and regulations is, of course, a matter of construction of those statutes and regulations to be undertaken by EDA. I understand, however, that you have discussed that matter with the local EDA officials and they have indicated to you no problem with your making such an application.

In view of all the foregoing, I do not see any impropriety in your undertaking to assist the Co-Op with that application.

Sincerely,

JOHN M. R. PATERSON
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