

# An open letter from SK residents to Perry Raso

Dear Mr. Raso,

Being from the South County area, you must undoubtedly know the mindset of those of us living near the salt ponds as well as those that regularly visit them throughout the year. The people of this area have a long history of active dedication to the preservation of land and water from indiscriminate and misguided development.

If there was any doubt in your mind, the voices and attendance of so many at recent public meetings, the unanimous vote of the South Kingstown Town Council's Waterfront Advisory Commission in opposition to your proposal, the rare split vote by the RI Marine Fisheries Council (resulting in no recommendation being proffered to the Coastal Resources Management Council), as well as the volumes of thoughtful letters in opposition sent to state decisions-makers, should leave no doubt in your mind that the majority do not support your application to for an additional 3-acre lease in the small secluded cove adjoining the larger pond where your current 7.5-acre commercial operation

is located. After much consternation and debate, many concluded that the proposed expansion of the current commercial operation is unnecessarily burdensome on this local community.

We hope that you will appreciate and acknowledge the collective voice of genuine and respectful disapproval of your neighbors and rescind your application for a lease in Segar Cove. Doing so will be taken as your good-faith effort to maintain the strong communal spirit that exists between all those living and prospering in the wonderful shoreline village known as South Kingstown.

Sincerely,

*Sabrina Courville*

*Manny and Jill Fabian*

*Martin, Ryan, Christine*

*and Brett Foley*

*Lou and Rosemary James*

*Pablo and Diane*

*Rodriguez*

*John, Jen and Mike Salemi*

*Patricia Steere*

*Bob and Valerie Stockley*

*Robert Turgeon*

*Wayne Woodbury*

## Economic

By STEVEN E. KIN

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company recently celeb  
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growing shipyard on  
Quonset waterfront.

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