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Mr. Leng K. Sy
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Dear Leng,

It was good meeting with you and Tom today. We are excited about the closed-loop tank you are proposing to design and fabricate to grow corals and sponges, and are impressed with your generosity in donating the tank to the Aquarium. As I mentioned, we will acknowledge your contribution on the tank itself and in promotional materials, and would also provide a letter for use with the IRS. I will get to you before the week is over a list of several species of sponges that we would like to be able to cultivate.

Once the system is up and running, we will invite you as a speaker on a panel to educate the public about the issues we are able to address because of your contribution.

The area around the Molina Animal Care Center is the ideal location for your tank. We want to theme this area as the center of care for our collection, and tell stories of how marine life is important to human health and welfare. The horseshoe crab touch tank will be one element, and your tank will be a second. We will use corals and sponges to tell the story of the World Ocean as Earth's primary source of biologically-active compounds and the roles they can play in preventing and curing human diseases, and that we are destroying Earth's largest medicine cabinet without even knowing what we are losing. This will be an important conservation story.

The Aquarium of the Pacific's mission is 'to instill a sense of wonder, respect, and stewardship for the Pacific Ocean, its inhabitants, and ecosystems'. An exhibit that emulates a natural ecosystem would complement our mission of providing opportunities for the people to understand how nature sustains itself through a diverse web of life that filters waste and recycles nutrients.

Your exhibit will be a welcome addition to our institution, and would help further our pursuit of innovation and our goal of setting the highest standards of aquarium design and operations in the pursuit of ocean conservation.

With best regards,

Jerry R. Schubel, PhD
President and CEO