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Cc: Susan Bladholm susan@frogferry.com



Dear Representative Holvey,

Just over a hundred years ago the ferry service between Vancouver and Portland was shut down the same day that the interstate bridge opened for service. This move brought to an end a transportation mode that for thousands of years connected local tribes in trade, and that later served as our City's most vital arterial. In the hundred years since, I believe we have lost a meaningful connection to our river in how we interact with it and how we utilize it to improve our connections to each other. Since the last feasibility study was conducted in 2006, Portland has transformed in jaw dropping ways. Our population is booming and our transportation grid is at or over capacity. We used our river as a natural highway since before recorded history. We have a natural resource that lies hidden in plain view—a vital component in our ongoing quest to solve our transportation puzzle. Our river-ways are wide open, uncongested, and ready. This is a historic opportunity for the State of Oregon to embrace this resource that has been here long before us and that has long been overlooked.

Please support the Frog Ferry!

With much respect and admiration,
~Allison Tivnon, Board Secretary for the Friends of Frog Ferry

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