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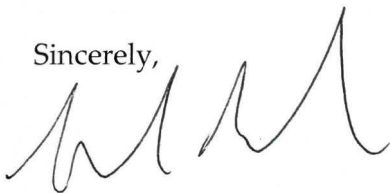
Dear Susan;

The Portland region needs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while providing better and more affordable transit options to better connect our communities. New innovation provides opportunities to lower our dependence on fossil fuels and decarbonize our transportation system. Our citizens, our businesses, and our next generation see a future that incorporates environmental stewardship in all aspects of a community's ecosystem.

As our region builds a transportation strategy, it can look to cities across the country and the world that incorporates ferries to move people; indeed ferries are considered a best practice, with a high ROI, and many ferry services are expanding due to popularity and the low-cost scalable model for expansion: Seattle, San Francisco, Washington D.C., Boston, New York as well as Oslo, London, Brisbane, and Amsterdam.

Please continue your work to build a public-private partnership, so we can create an operation that is accessible to everyone and that benefits the non-users through improved air quality and removing cars from the roadways. Milwaukie is being considered as one of nine stops for the first launch of the service, and we commit to working with your team to learn about the feasibility and operational needs to bring the service to fruition at our riverfront. Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,



Mark Gamba, Mayor

