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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing today in support of the Frog Ferry Passenger Ferry Service. Since moving to Portland from Los Angeles, I have seen the car traffic gridlock at an exponential rate as more and more people move here. I believe that if we want to keep a high standard of living in Portland/Vancouver, we need to address the transit system in a variety of ways. The Frog Ferry is a creative, sustainable, and ecological means for transportation.

Other reasons I support this project include:

- The Frog Ferry Service will be a fantastic tourist attraction
- Making use of the beautiful river adds an overall aesthetic to the city where views from the iconic bridges and waterfronts will be filled with activity in the water
- It provides better access to parts of the city that are often avoided because of traffic (*I avoid going to St. John's or Milwaukie after 3pm on weekdays to avoid rush hour*)
- Anything that can be done to get commuters from Portland to Vancouver avoiding the I-5 is desperately needed, and this project is a step in the right direction

Not only do I support the Frog Ferry Passenger Service in its initial development, but I am also enthusiastic about the potential for growth from high demand. Having 4 ferries rather than 2 will greatly increase efficiency.

Cities like New York and Chicago make great use of the river systems with water taxi services. I've even seen private events on NYC water taxis after dark on weekends. These kinds of opportunities open doors for creative transportation, entertainment, and tourism.

Sincerely,

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