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Dear Susan,

Since our first conversation last April, I have appreciated participating in the conversation about bringing a passenger ferry service to the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area. I was part of the BikeShare leadership team and see many similarities with your project, as both are bringing a new “green” mode of transit to our street-crowded community.

Please consider this my letter of support behind the effort to pursue researching the feasibility of bringing a ferry service to the region. This concept simply makes good sense and the time is ripe to look at operational models that would be a good fit for our region.

As a minority business leader, I understand that you are looking at the benefits to underserved communities, which include the potential for jobs, better air quality, more transit options, and a pricing schedule that will appeal to all walks of life. I am a property owner in the Vancouver area and often find myself commuting over the I-5 bridge, fighting traffic and thinking there must be a better way for us to connect by river.

Thank you for your leadership and please continue to call on me for guidance.

Best wishes,

James Paulson