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Dear Susan,

As the Portland region imagines a climate resilient future, it's Sunrise PDX's goal to push the narrative to a net zero emission community that prioritizes a just transition to a Green New Deal. Thus far, we've been impressed by the work Friends of Frog Ferry has done to learn about best practices for decarbonizing our future while centering accessibility, justice, and transparent community engagement.

We look forward to continuing to work with Friends of Frog Ferry on furthering the project, building out your environmental, economic, and cultural approach, and as a youth climate organization, we will continue to voice our needs as the generations that will be impacted most by these decisions. It's important to Sunrise PDX that our community and nation pursue a Green New Deal--one that leaves no one behind and embraces the climate and social resiliency concerns of an intentionally broad constituency.

Sunrise PDX will continue to support Friends of Frog Ferry as long as there is a commitment to serve *ALL* residents of the Portland Metro Region, not only the elites, through a focus on Justice, Equity, and Anti-Oppression (JEAO):

- Justice
 - Engage in extensive and consistent Community Outreach through the most up to date version of the CBP
 - Commitment to centering Indigenous experiences and sovereignty
 - Use of community mental health support and accountability resources instead of transit police
 - Support our houseless neighbors by providing restrooms as a human right and by not criminalizing resting on the ferry or docks
- Equity
 - Provide an equitable fare structure considering income, race, and age

- Ex: 55+ pass, Youth fare, Family fare, Low Income fare
 - Improve riverfront infrastructure to allow easier physical accessibility to the River including ADA compliant docks and ramps; closed captioning if you have videos onboard (especially safety videos); and a continued commitment to explore and incorporate further accessibility improvements.
 - Be a vocal advocate for a Trimet and Frog Ferry Youth Pass
 - Commitment to using R-99 diesel when launching the pilot program and continue to explore all carbon negative fuel possibilities. Additionally, commit to being a net zero emissions business no later than 2030.
- Anti-Oppression
 - Recognize that Frog Ferry is one piece of a larger possible sustainable transportation network. Be supportive of efforts to grow or expand Portland Metro’s sustainable housing and public transportation network such as:
 - Commuter Rail
 - Light Rail Extensions
 - Bikeability
 - Walkable neighborhoods- prioritizing access to human needs vs. luxuries
 - Pursue funding options that would allow Frog Ferry to provide free fare service

Moving forward, as Friends of Frog Ferry shapes your business model, Sunrise PDX is excited to continue to be present with you in your work, particularly when it comes to building out principles of engagement, and reserves the right to withdraw support if any of the above commitments are not met. For our part, Sunrise will continue to engage on the local and state level to advocate for government subsidized free transit, a transition away from punitive justice and toward restorative justice, harm reduction for the houseless community, and access to renewable fuels.

Sunrise’s Principles align well with Frog Ferry’s key values to include:

- creating liveable wage jobs while stopping climate change
- growing influence and knowledge through grassroots equitable outreach
- uniting a broad cross section of individuals who want to make our community a better place
- driving a new innovative initiative with patience and curiosity
- failing and recovering quickly
- operating with integrity and calling out inequities and bad practices, and inspiring confidence and optimism in everything we do.
- Transition away from Fossil Fuel infrastructure to consider and commit to using R-99 renewable diesel, algae based carbon sequestering biodiesel, or other carbon neutral/negative options.

We believe Frog Ferry should form principles aligned with these values, and post them publicly on each of its watercraft.

While many organizations look to adopt greenwashing policies, Frog Ferry is committed to legitimately making progress as a future transportation operator—to functionally get people out of their cars and onto our riverways in a timeframe that reflects the scientific reality of climate change. Furthermore, we see the Frog Ferry initiative as one that aims to provide a public mental health service through connecting people to nature, and are impressed by the potential for this project to restore our

community as we navigate a world steeped in climate grief. We look forward to a continued collaboration between Sunrise PDX and Frog Ferry.

With appreciation,
Hannah Skutt, Paxton Rothwell, and Colin Herring
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