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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Carol Washburn, Executive Secretary
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Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket TS-050443
Feet Wet Partners, Lauver/Solin

Dear Ms. Washburn:

The Board of County Commissioners would like to go on record in firm support of the above captioned application for Passenger Only Ferry Service serving Island County.

The proposed Oak Harbor-Coupeville link would be helpful for tourism, and the Oak Harbor-Mukilteo run would provide an expedited link to the proposed multi-modal station at Mukilteo for commuters. We are particularly supportive of the proposed link to Camano Island from our county seat here in Coupeville, in view of the fact that there exists a one and one half to two hour commute between Camano and Coupeville for both county employees and those residents wishing to conduct business with the county. Not only would the new ferry service greatly reduce these travel times thereby facilitating more efficient use of county resources and enhancing public service, it would also serve to ease the escalating traffic congestion on state and local roads within the County.

We would sincerely appreciate your prompt and favorable consideration of this application.

Sincerely,
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Mike Shelton, Chairman

Wm. L. "Mac" McDowell, Member

William J. Byrd, Member

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