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June 16, 2005

Ms Carol Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P O Box 47259
Olympia WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket No, TS-050443, Lauver/Solin, Feet Wet Partners

Dear Ms Washburn:

Please include this letter of support in the application record for Feet Wet Partners to establish passenger only ferry service between Whidbey Island, Camano Island and Mukilteo. After years of discussion among various parties, I am delighted that an application has actually been filed to make this service a reality.

The Town of Coupeville is served by a dock owned by the Port of Coupeville. The dock is a part of our Historic Front Street. Front Street is filled with businesses that will directly benefit from tourists and visitors who may choose this easy means to travel to Coupeville.

In addition, Coupeville is the County seat. Part of Island County is located on Camano Island, and residents there face a 1.5 hour long drive to reach the courthouse. A direct, water route, would make access to county services much quicker.

Island County is served by Island Transit, there is no charge for use of the public buses. This connection will allow more people to travel, in a timely fashion, using public transportation, thus helping relieve congestion on our highways.

Mike Lauver and John Solin have demonstrated their ability to develop a transportation service with the very successful Whidbey SeaTac shuttle. I have confidence in their ability to plan and implement passenger only ferry service.

I support their application, and look forward to seeing this service in place soon.

Sincerely,

Nancy Conard
Mayor

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