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Commissioners
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Olympia, Washington

Honorable Commissioners,

I am writing you today as both an individual Citizen of the State of Washington and as an official representative of a county of over 75,000 people. As an Island County Commissioner, I am reminded daily of the challenges that our somewhat remote areas face. These challenges would certainly be escalated tremendously if we were to lose our local Shuttle service.

I ask not for your sympathy, but for you to consider the probable unintended consequences of your possible actions. It is very likely that, especially in these trying times, the loss of the ability to offset fuel cost increases with a surcharge will force Shuttle Services such as our Sea-Tac Shuttle on Whidbey Island, to close their doors.

Even the Honorable Governor Gregoire understands the need for certainty in the midst of this prolonged recession. Her Executive Order 10-06 prohibits the creation of any new rules that would adversely affect small businesses. The action you are proposing, I contend, is just that.

Island County Citizens are very environmental conscious and enjoy utilizing shuttle services for a variety of reasons. The loss of our Sea-Tac Shuttle service would mean an enlarged carbon footprint, less revenue to be spent in the local communities and a darkening of Island spirit.

These fragile times call for regulatory easing of the burdens on our small businesses. Please consider the effects that your actions will have on Communities such as ours here in Island County.

I am certainly available to discuss this with you if you would like.

Respectfully,

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