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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a relatively new resident of SJI, I would like to weigh in on the forbearance application of the Friday Harbor Jolly Trolley.

While a trolley as a mode of transportation may not have diddly-squat to do with the San Juan Islands from an historical perspective, it seems to offer several advantages over a regular shuttle bus. The open-air trolley provides a better way for our visitors to enjoy the beautiful sights and fresh, clean air of Friday Harbor. The option of hopping off to enjoy an attraction, then being able to board again and continue one's tour is so convenient, especially for families with younger children, who are notorious for their complete disregard for their parents' carefully-crafted plans. Also, as with any form of mass transit, having one larger vehicle on the road is more environmentally sound than having numerous smaller vehicles -- and certainly safer than having more mopeds on the roads. (No offense to Susie, but not everyone should be driving one of those things!) Tourists riding the Trolley can relax and enjoy the sights, rather than having to worry about reading road maps, finding a place to park to go gawk at Mona, or stopping that little Scoot Coupe in the middle of West Side Road to get the perfect picture of L pod.

Also, the Trolley is just so dangd cute. We've had several visitors here over the last week, and everyone just loved it.

I moved here last year from a small Midwestern town that had been struggling for decades to break out of the good ol' boy, "That's just how we do things around here" mentality that strangles so many towns. I hate to see Friday Harbor force out a new business that is being run by a local family solely because the existing transit company doesn't want competition. Please don't shut down the Jolly Trolley just because someone feels threatened. Perhaps I'm missing something in the details, but isn't this how the free market is supposed to work?

Thanks for your consideration.

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