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The Honorable Marilyn Showalter, Chairwoman
The Honorable Dick Hemstad, Commissioner
The Honorable Patrick J. Oshie, Commissioner
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Dear Madam Showalter, Commissioner Hemstad and Commissioner Oshie:

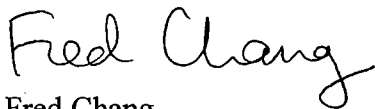
Please support the combined effort of commercial ferry operators to reintroduce passenger-only ferry service between Bremerton and Seattle.

There is an urgent and immediate need for this service. I urge the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to favorably consider the application being made to it by Kitsap Ferry Company, LLC.

Passenger-only ferry service is a key element of Washington State's transportation network and provides a vital link between Kitsap and King Counties. Until it was discontinued in September of 2003, this service was provided by the Washington State Ferries (WSF). With a minimum of public input, WSF management decided in late 2002 they could no longer afford to run the Bremerton-Seattle foot ferries, and commuters have suffered. The only runs provided by the WSF are one-hour runs leaving on average of every one and a half hours. The service is abysmal, but that is another story. This has also exacerbated the situation for the Bainbridge-Island to Seattle ferries, where traffic on Hwy 305 has increased.

Please permit a private operator to offer much needed supplementary service.

Thank you,



Fred Chang
Chair
Bremerton Ferry Advisory Committee