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Secretary Washburn,

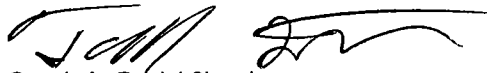
I am writing this letter on behalf of Captain Sean McNamara and The Pacific Sea Taxi. I have known Captain McNamara for over three years and he is an excellent mariner and person of strong character. His business the Pacific Sea Taxi has been a great service to Bellingham, the islands and visitors to the area for many years.

As a Bellingham resident for the past 4 years and 21 years as a professional mariner I strongly believe that there is a need for regular ferry service to Orcas Island from Bellingham, WA. This service has not existed since I moved to the area and I know that there are many residents of Orcas and Bellingham plus many tourists who would take advantage of it if it existed.

As an operator of a sailing charter business I often hear from both locals and visitors who would like fast access to Orcas and the other islands from Bellingham but cannot afford to pay the minimum fees associated with a private charter for a small group. A small ferry would allow those populations access to the islands at a reasonable price.

The Pacific Sea Taxi is a small, fast, seaworthy, and efficient vessel ideally suited to fill this missing link in the transportation chain out to Orcas and the other islands. Please consider Captain McNamara's request for expanding the Pacific Sea Taxi's offerings to include a scheduled route.

Sincerely,



Captain Todd Shuster