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October 11, 2022

Governor Jay Inslee  
Office of the Governor PO Box 40002  
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Inslee:

We are writing in support of a letter written on behalf of the citizens and businesses of Kitsap County from Greg Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Bremerton, and our local elected officials regarding the need for a temporary expansion of the Kitsap Transit passenger-only ferry service of the Washington State Ferry Bremerton-Seattle route. As the largest Chamber of Commerce on the peninsula, the Greater Kitsap Chamber represents nearly 600 businesses and business owners throughout our county. We urge you to consider Mayor Wheeler's request on behalf of this membership and the greater community. You will find individuals, businesses, and organizations who have asked to add their names to this ask in the hope that relief for this critical issue facing businesses can be found soon.

As Mayor Wheeler and our elected officials shared, the Washington State Ferry system is a vital and indispensable transportation link throughout the Puget Sound region. Kitsap County has 250 miles of saltwater coastline. It relies on state ferry routes as crucial marine highways to support the free flow of people, goods, and services between our local communities and the rest of Washington state. Full WSF ferry operations are essential to our economy and the quality of life of our citizens and visitors to our region. Simply put, the ferries are critical to our way of life and the survival of our residents and local businesses.

The Bremerton-Seattle route has been one of the hardest hit by significant reductions to service, creating undue burdens and financial impacts on individuals, families, and businesses that we can only hope are temporary. It is not just the fact that commute times are doubled or tripled, but small businesses that depend on workers or patrons from Seattle and beyond are feeling the squeeze as their workers and customers have experienced delays and disruptions with no end in sight. This service interruption also significantly affects our visitors from Seattle to Bremerton and Greater Kitsap, substantially impacting our tourism industry.

With these businesses and individuals at the top of your mind, we ask that you consider adding temporary Kitsap Transit passenger-only sailings to the Bremerton-Seattle route. These would add capacity, improve access, support livelihoods, strengthen our local economy, and help jumpstart our economic recovery here in Kitsap County.

Sincerely,  
  
John Morrissey  
Chair

  
David Emmons  
President/CEO

**Mission Statement**

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