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Governor Jay Inslee  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 40002  
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Good morning Governor,

I am writing to you in support of the letter sent to you from Bremerton Mayor, Greg Wheeler requesting temporary expansion of Kitsap Transit passenger-only ferry service on the current Washington State Ferry (WSF) Bremerton-Seattle route.

As the President of the Bremerton Metal Trades Council (BMTC) at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, (PSNS&IMF) our Union represents over 9,000 Bargaining Unit Employees who maintain the Navy's warships to ensure the security of our great nation, many who are veterans that served their country proudly.

The WSF plays a vital role in Kitsap County's economy and is vital in transporting our men and women of PSNS&IMF to and from work every day.

I told Mayor Wheeler he could count on support from the BMTC because this is something I could get behind that affects so many, not just in Kitsap County but surrounding counties as well.

There has been an increase in WSF service cuts due to a lack of workers and attrition, amongst other things.

With the lack of ferry service, long gaps between sailings expected to last well into the Spring of 2023 and the Shipyard continuing to grow its workforce, this creates multiple travel as well as financial hardships on people who depend on the WSF service.

It is true what the Mayor says about the Bremerton route being one of the hardest hit by the reduction in service. The temporary expansion of Kitsap Transit passenger-only ferry service on the Bremerton-Seattle route would be one very crucial part of the solution.

We have many employees at PSNS who commute daily from the Seattle area that due to reduction in service either have to be late for work, which is not an option, or drive around through I-5 South, through Tacoma to SR-16 in order to get to work on time. I don't have to tell you that the price of gasoline is not helping them save money having to drive such a distance.

The BMTC wholeheartedly supports the Mayor and all those who signed his letter on September 16, 2022.

I look forward to your support of this request. It will make a big difference in our local economy, the well-being of those who work at PSNS as well as everyone's ability to enjoy what the WSFS brings to our communities at large.

V/R,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Morse".

Eric Morse  
President, Bremerton Metal Trades Council  
Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, WA

*Enc: Ltr from Mayor Wheeler dated September 16, 2022*