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Governor Jay Inslee
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Dear Governor Inslee,

The International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 12 strongly supports the proposal from Bremerton Mayor, Greg Wheeler and the board of Kitsap Transit for the temporary expansion of additional passenger only ferry services (POF) between Bremerton and Seattle.

Operating with only one boat service has had a significant negative impact on our union members who transit between the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS&IMF) and Seattle as well as our local community.

As more commuters have turned to driving, traffic congestion through the Gorst corridor has amplified resulting in commuters spending more time in traffic as well as significantly increasing the already strained parking needs in the city of Bremerton.

POF service expansion will alleviate these hardships and support our travelers with a safe, efficient way to transit between Seattle and Bremerton where ferry service is a critical link for the community and the employees at PSNS&IMF. POF service expansion can also reduce ferry congestion on the limited runs and provide additional transit options to people in our communities. POF's are an important part of multimodal transit systems, which accommodate options such as walking, cycling, public transit and automobiles. POF options also support green initiatives and can even help promote decarbonization by reducing the number of automobiles driving on our roads.

We ask that state funding for Kitsap Transit's POF sailings be increased to assist the Washington State Ferries until service can be fully restored.

IFPTE Local 12 strongly supports our local community and advocates for our common economic interests. We provide our support for the expansion of Kitsap Transit passenger only ferry service.

Sincerely,

Kathy Osmanson
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