



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne
Minister of International Trade
Global Affairs Canada

December 5, 2018

Dear François,

Following up on discussions I've had with your colleagues about the proposed harbour-to-harbour passenger ferry for Nanaimo to Vancouver, I urge you in the strongest terms to work with the proponent and all levels of government to make this service a reality.

I have long been a strong advocate for such a service, both as a federal candidate in 2015 and now as Member of Parliament. In a coastal community like ours, a fast, easy connection between Nanaimo and downtown Vancouver would be good for families, for business, and for the local economy. This project enjoys broad and enthusiastic support in Nanaimo.

For three years I have been meeting with the Island Ferry Service principals and Leonard Krog as MLA and now mayor, most recently in an October meeting I convened with Fisheries and Oceans Minister Wilkinson. They believe they are on track with a solid business plan and the broad support they enjoy from the community and all levels of government.

Reinforcing again my full support of this project, I am urging the federal government to do all it can ensure that this much-anticipated service is implemented as soon as possible. Key dates this spring mean, after years of delay, time is of the essence. If I can do anything to assist, please let me know.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration,

Sincerely,

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Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard
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Claire Trevena, Transport Minister of British Columbia
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