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The Honourable Claire Trevena
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Legislative Assembly of British Columbia

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Dear Claire,

Following up on discussions we've had about the harbour-to-harbour passenger ferry proposed for Nanaimo to Vancouver: I am delighted that you and the provincial government are committed to working with the proponent and all levels of government to try and make this service a reality.

As you know, 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 all you are doing to make it possible for the people of Nanaimo to have access to affordable, convenient harbour-to-harbour passenger ferry service.

Sincerely,

Sheila Malcolmson
Nanaimo-Ladysmith MP

Cc: Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

Terry Beech, Parliamentary Secretary to Minister Wilkinson

Island Ferry Service

Leonard Krog, Mayor of Nanaimo