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The Honourable Gregor Robertson, P.C., M.P., Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and Minister responsible for Pacific Economic Development Canada

The Honourable Steve MacKinnon, Minister of Transport and Internal Trade

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Finance

Re: Support for Motion M-35 – Fair, Stable, Long-Term Federal Operational Support for BC Ferries

Dear Ministers:

I am writing on behalf of the Parksville Qualicum Beach Tourism Association's Board of Directors to express support for Motion M-35 and to encourage the Government of Canada to establish fair, stable, long-term federal operational support for BC Ferries.

Tourism is one of Vancouver Island's primary economic drivers. Hundreds of local businesses and thousands of jobs depend on visitors travelling to our region safely, reliably, and affordably. Ferry service is essential for residents, employees, health care access, education, supply chains, and the movement of goods.

The prospect of significant fare increases raises serious concerns for our communities. Higher transportation costs raise the cost of living for residents, add financial pressure on businesses, reduce our tourism sector's competitiveness, and create barriers for workers and visitors alike.

We recognize Atlantic Canada's ferry systems provide critical links and deserve strong federal support. At the same time, BC's coastal communities deserve equitable consideration through a modern funding framework reflecting today's population, passenger volumes, and economic importance.

Thank-you for your consideration and we look forward to continued federal leadership in supporting Canada's coastal transportation network.

Sincerely,



Lisa McCormick, Chair

cc: Gord Johns, MP, Courtenay–Alberni

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