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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

May 29, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590-001

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I am writing in support of the Lummi Nation's application for TIGER 2015 discretionary grant funds to assist in building an environmentally friendly harbor and marina. The Lummi Nation has one of the largest operating fishing fleets on the west coast and as the fleet grows, the need for a marina is evident and long overdue. In addition to serving the fishermen, it will serve as a hub for growing marine businesses in Whatcom County.

According to the applicants, the marina will be built at Gooseberry Point on a portion of marine tidelands that the Nation manages. The proposed project includes the finalization of the engineering plans and environmental permitting necessary to develop a protected harbor for both current ferry landings and future harbor development.

A marina at Gooseberry Point would improve Whatcom County ferry services to Lummi Island. The 20 car ferry runs 365 days a year, serving visitors to Lummi Island and the island's 900 residents. Funding would be used to improve existing infrastructure, and construction of a 1.8 mile pathway which will connect to an existing walkway and provide a safe and separate pathway for the pedestrian community.

I encourage your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, of their application.

Regards,



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Member of Congress