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Honourable Todd Stone
Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure
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Dear Minister Stone,

Re: Gabriola FAC Request for MOTI Traffic Safety Study

We are writing to express our support for the Gabriola Ferry Advisory Committee's request for a traffic safety review, in the area of the ferry line-up on Gabriola Island, to be conducted by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. The FAC has highlighted serious safety concerns for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians related to the current ferry lineup along Taylor Bay Road, and has urged MOTI to consider and/or develop alternate solutions which will better serve the needs and ensure the safety of residents and visitors to the island. An issue of particular note is the risk associated with the high incidence of illegal U-Turns which take place as a direct result of the current arrangement.

The Islands Trust is a regional government established by the province in 1974 to "preserve and protect the Trust area and its unique amenities and environment" for the benefit of its residents and all British Columbians. The Trust Area is home to about 25,000 people, with the Gabriola Local Trust Area being an unincorporated area representing a population of 4,045. The Gabriola Local Trust Committee is responsible for land use decisions in our jurisdiction, including the development of official community plans and zoning bylaws.

We hope that you will move forward with the study as requested by the Gabriola Ferry Advisory Committee and look forward to improved safety at that location in the future.

Best Regards,

Laura Busheikin, Chair
Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee

cc: Gabriola Ferry Advisory Committee