

February 12, 2009

Representative Larry Springer  
Legislative Building 132E

Dear Representative Springer,

We are opposed to the inclusion of the Ferry Advisory Committees (FACs) on the list of Boards to be cut in HB 2087. While we realize that these difficult economic times call for examining all of our options, whatever small efficiencies may be achieved by eliminating the FACs are not worth their loss.

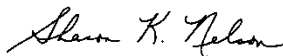
The FACs are an indispensable way to hear from our ferry-riding constituents. FACs are made up of volunteers from most ferry-served communities; they dedicate their time and resources to participating in discussions with WSF, and they sponsor forums which are well-attended by the public. As the legislature is working diligently with WSF to improve service, regain solid financial footing and create a sustainable system, the views of the FACs are a vital part of the process.

Many of us are concerned with the governance structure of WSF, and believe that there needs to be more oversight by the public, rather than less. Ferry Advisory Committees must remain in existence, and we urge you to amend your bill accordingly.

Thank you,



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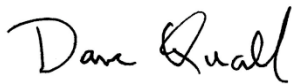
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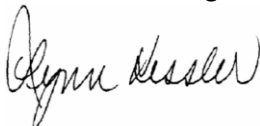
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