~ PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM TRIBUTE ON THE PASSAGE TO LUMMI ISLAND ~

To the honorable President, Congress and Secretary of the Interior of the United States of America

Whereas the U.S. Department of the Interior has, since 1920, repeatedly approved a road through the Lummi Indian Reservation for the purpose of passage to Lummi Island, *and*

Whereas Whatcom County has variously purchased and traded land and obtained multiple federal and state authorizations for said passage, *and*

Whereas evolving federal policies have since obstructed the passage across a small section of tidelands, *and*

Whereas Whatcom County, as a precaution without concession, has entered into leases with the Lummi Nation to assure open passage across these tidelands, including terms stipulated by federal consent decree, *and*

Whereas the Lummi Nation has rejected all such arrangements and terms, demanding increasing tribute for passage, *and*

Whereas the crossing has been used for millennia and a ferry has served the public at this location for over a century, there being no feasible alternative.

Now therefore, in the interests of preventing deterioration of social and economic relations, and to promote certainty for planning and investment, we the undersigned citizens, residents, property owners and visitors to Lummi Island do hereby respectfully request that appropriate agencies and authorities take all necessary measures to affirm, attest, perfect and memorialize a permanent, tribute-free passage for the Lummi Island Ferry.

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