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I am writing to express my strong support for the Frog Ferry project. As someone who has traveled extensively to river cities across North America, Europe, and Asia, I've seen firsthand how effective water-based transit can be in easing urban traffic congestion, reducing environmental impact, and enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

It is surprising that Portland—a city known for its commitment to sustainability—has yet to fully leverage its river systems as part of its transportation infrastructure. Frog Ferry represents a forward-thinking opportunity to align Portland with other innovative cities that have long recognized the value of river transit.

Beyond transportation benefits, the launch of a ferry system has the potential to act as a catalyst for the revitalization of downtown Portland. It would send a strong and visible signal that Portland—and Oregon—are investing in smart, climate-friendly solutions that serve both our communities and our future.

I urge the legislature to support this important initiative.