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Capital Regional District
 Attention: Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee
 P.O. Box 1000
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Board
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Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the citizens of Port Angeles, I am writing to express our City's support for the Capital Regional District's efforts to provide secondary wastewater treatment for the greater Victoria area.

Our City holds highly to the principle of preserving the integrity of the environment for our city, the surrounding area, and our waterways as paramount. This is the legacy we have chosen to leave for our children. Undoubtedly, as our population continues to increase, our burden on the environment will also increase. We believe it is in our collective best interest to address these issues

The City of Port Angeles is facing financial challenges for our wastewater treatment needs. Of specific concern has been the need to control overflow discharges as a result of releases from stormwater into our combined sewer system. During significant storm events, raw sewage may discharge directly into our harbor and ultimately flow into the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

We have recently begun the construction of the first phase to fix this situation. The overall cost to remedy this will be significant – approximately \$43 million for a population of 19,000. By our estimates, the cost of this project per capita is equivalent to the wastewater treatment project you are now contemplating. The only difference is our project will be shouldered completely by the citizens of Port Angeles, with minimal State or Federal support.

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The City of Port Angeles considers the Strait of Juan de Fuca to be an asset of great importance to both sides of the waterway. The Strait collectively provides economic, recreational, and public health benefits for all of us, who live, work, and play along its shores. The Strait of Juan de Fuca is an incredible natural resource that is host to a number of fragile, diverse ecosystems. It is clear how investments in wastewater treatment infrastructure today will leverage enormous long-term benefits not only for the natural environment, but also for the well-being of all of us today and for the generations to follow.

I personally know these are difficult choices you are now facing – especially in light of limited financial resources and competing interests. Again, I want to offer our encouragement and endorsement to you for continuing with the construction of wastewater treatment for the District in the near-term.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cherie Kidd". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Cherie Kidd
Mayor