



## Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

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November 20, 2017

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

On behalf of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER), we offer our strong support for “Harbour to Harbor” seaplane service between Vancouver, British Columbia and Seattle, Washington. British Columbia and Washington state share significant economic and cultural ties including the remarkably successful Two Nation Vacation initiative that has attracted international visitors and accelerated joint infrastructure and high technology investments.

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region is a statutory, public-private partnership recognized by both the United States and Canada as the “model” for regional and bi-national cooperation. PNWER provides a platform for collaboration among public, private, academic, and non-profit stakeholders in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Northwest Territories, Yukon and the U.S. states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska.

PNWER has contributed to the development of bi-national programs and policies that have successfully eased border travel while enhancing security. We believe “Harbour to Harbor” is an important addition to the rich mix of highway, rail, ferry, cruise ship, seaplane and fixed wing aircraft transportation operations that uniquely defines our bi-national region.

Vancouver and Seattle share similar innovative, risk-taking cultures and a one hour “Harbour to Harbor” seaplane connection will accelerate the “Cascadia Innovative Corridor” initiative launched by Microsoft and others that has expanded cross-border employment and attracted world wide talent to the region.

Our regional border security agency leaders also have a well-deserved reputation for cross border cooperation and effectiveness in partnering with private sector transportation providers in deploying innovative, technology based procedures for enhanced security. “Harbour to Harbor” seaplane service affords Transport Canada and the Canada Border Services Agency a new and exciting venue to continue to showcase Canada’s innovative approach.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sen. Arnie Roblan  
PNWER President 2017-2018  
Oregon State Legislature

Matt Morrison  
Chief Executive Officer  
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