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Dear Ms Decker,

As commander of the Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron, I would like to strongly endorse the proposal by the Whatcom Maritime Association and Home Port Learning Center for a Bellingham Marine Museum and Educational Center. Our non profit organization is devoted to boating safety through education. We offer boating safety classes to hundreds of residents of the community each and year. It is our hope that the proposed facility would enhance our current and future safe boating programs.

The direct benefit to the Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron would be the availability of the facility for safe boating classes as well as space for other related meetings. The benefit to the community, it appears to me, would come in the form of increased public knowledge about our area's maritime background along with public access to additional facilities near our beautiful marine environment. It is exciting to anticipate a new waterfront facility that can meet the needs of various groups in our community.

It is ever apparent that we need to be careful stewards of our precious coastline. The Waterfront Futures Project has the opportunity to control the future of such resources. I again urge you to approve the proposal mentioned above for the benefit of our community.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce Sjoquist".

Commander Bruce Sjoquist, JN  
Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron