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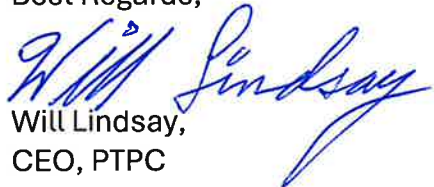
Representative Derek Kilmer  
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RE: Proposed Roundabout, SR-20 and Mill Road

I am writing today in support of Jefferson County and the City of Port Townsend in the improvement of the critical intersection of Mill Road and SR 20. The Port Townsend Paper Mill has been in operation since 1928, producing Kraft paper for sale domestically and internationally. The Mill currently provides 300 living wage jobs in Jefferson County and is working hard for sustainable operations from a financial, social, and environmental standpoint. An average of 200 trucks per day serve the paper mill, and truck freight traffic has grown steadily to support the recycling of cardboard, delivery of raw materials, and transport of customer orders to and from the Mill.

The compact roundabout design proposed by the WSDOT is concerning to us. Truck traffic exiting the mill must be able to navigate the intersection at Mill Road and SR-20 safely and efficiently while also allowing for the smooth transfer of passenger vehicle traffic entering and exiting Port Townsend. We are excited about the opportunity to see this project designed and scaled appropriately to address the freight and traffic volumes experienced daily at the intersection.

Best Regards,

  
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