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Thomas Ahern, Administrator  
RI Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, RI 02888

Dear Mr. Ahern,

The North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors strongly urges you to approve the application to allow Rhode Island Fast Ferry to provide passenger service to Block Island.

Mr. Charles A. Donadio, Jr. is well established businessman in the fast ferry industry for the last 13 years. He has the infrastructure in place in Quonset as well as inter-model connections to make this venture a success. It is encouraging to see an innovative company identify markets which have not been tapped and to create a business plan to embrace growth and expansion. This expansion of services will bring another outlet for tourism to Block Island as well as job growth for North Kingstown.

The expansion of the Rhode Island Fast Ferry business is economic development at its best for both our state and our free market system. The United States is a capitalistic society based on business competition and free markets. Rivalry amongst business can be a positive force to make competing business stronger. By allowing a choice of ferry services to Block Island you are creating a more robust economy in Rhode Island simply by providing a choice of services for consumers to utilize.

The Board of North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce respectfully asks you to approve Rhode Island Fast Ferry's application. Please submit this letter as testimony to your public hearing.

Sincerely,

Peter Atkin  
Chair of the Board  
North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce

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