

# ISLESBORO ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY CORPORATION

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Mr. William Pulver, P.E., Chief Operating Officer  
Maine Department of Transportation  
24 Child Street  
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Dear Mr. Pulver:

The mission of the Islesboro Economic Sustainability Corporation is to support Islesboro's essential businesses and services through direct financing and leveraging off-island economic development efforts. Islesboro's economic vitality depends, in large part, on the MSFS continuing its Islesboro service levels at affordable prices. The IESC Board strongly supports the DOT and MSFS in looking for ways to lower operating costs, improve service and reduce the overall environmental footprint of ferry service in Penobscot Bay.


The proposal to the DOT from the Arcadia Alliance in Belfast is progressive, attuned to climate change concerns, and far-sighted. It proposes a positive step for the MSFS to develop a Maine islands ferry service for the next decades. We urge you consider it.

Their proposal, if endorsed by the MSFS, would bring a transformative change for Islesboro. It appears to lower the overall cost of Maine island ferry services thus speaking to the price of tickets. It opens new opportunities for Islesboro residents and businesses to connect directly with the growing economy of Belfast. And, it speaks to helping Governor Mills achieve her goals of reducing Maine's environmental footprint.

All of us on the IESC Board are more than happy to help the DOT and MSFS in any way we can to brainstorm or implement a Maine islands ferry service for the next decades. We can be contacted via email at [board@sustain04848.com](mailto:board@sustain04848.com).

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



Roger Heinen, Chair on behalf of the entire IESC Board  
Janet Anderson  
Lois Chiles  
Bonnie Hughes  
Gladstone Jones  
Gabriel Pendleton  
Tom Tutor