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Via Email

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Dear Premier Eby,

Thank you for meeting with the Build Them Here coalition today, and for your commitment last Friday to building the next generation of BC Ferries vessels in British Columbia.

Your announcement means a great deal to the workers and communities who have been making the case for this work to come home. We appreciated hearing how your government is connecting ferry construction with federal shipbuilding opportunities, investments in our yards and the skilled workforce needed to deliver both.

We were pleased to hear you speak about beginning with the fifth large vessel BC Ferries says it urgently needs and your recognition that planning must begin now. A clear schedule will help shipyards, suppliers, training providers and workers prepare to meet the demand ahead.

We appreciated the opportunity to discuss how Canadian steel and other domestic inputs can play a larger role as that work takes shape.

Thank you for your offer to connect us with the deputy minister working on the shipbuilding strategy. We welcome the chance to meet soon. Coalition members, including the workers who will build, operate and maintain these vessels, can bring practical experience to the project.

Your commitment has created a real opportunity for B.C. We're grateful for your leadership and eager to work with your government to turn it into ferries built here, good jobs and lasting shipbuilding capacity in our province.

Sincerely,

Gary Caroline
Build Them Here coalition

