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Right Honorable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister  
Office of the Prime Minister  
Langevin Building  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

I am writing in regards to the community of Point Roberts, Washington residents that continue to face unique challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As outlined in my letter to your office in August, due to their geographic isolation below the border on the Tsawwassen peninsula, the border closure presents significant hardships for the approximately 1,300 residents of Point Roberts. With very limited services available in the community, residents need to travel across the border to obtain goods and services. I understand concerns associated with United States residents entering Canada during the pandemic, and sharing concerns of viral spread, Washington is taking stringent science-based measures to quell the virus within the state. However, it is still my goal to develop a practical solution for residents to be able to travel through southern British Columbia directly to and from the Peace Arch Border Crossing to be able to access mainland United States.

The timing of my letter is also to express concern in relations to Point Roberts about your recent announcement that travelers crossing the border by land into Canada will be required to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test within the prior 72 hours, beginning on February 15, 2021. This policy places additional burden on Point Roberts, and given the uniqueness of their geographic location, I respectfully request that these residents be excluded from this new requirement when traveling directly to and from Point Roberts to mainland Washington State.

I very much appreciate the ongoing collaboration between my office and the Canadian government, and thank you for considering these requests. I am hopeful that we will be able to provide meaningful relief for my constituents in the Point Roberts community as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please direct them to my Director of International Relations and Protocol, Schuyler Hoss, at (360) 239.1317 or [Schuyler.Hoss@gov.wa.gov](mailto:Schuyler.Hoss@gov.wa.gov).

Very truly yours,

Jay Inslee  
Governor