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The Honorable Patty Lent
Mayor
City of Bremerton
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Dear Mayor Lent:

I take great pleasure in commending you for your city's early completion of its Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Reduction Projects. This is a major achievement that results in significant reduction of sewage discharges into Puget Sound and other vulnerable bodies of water in your area. In decreasing discharge overflow volumes and frequency by more than 99 percent, Bremerton has become a true leader and role model in our state for addressing such issues.

I appreciate the long-term aggressive efforts that went into collaboratively planning, financing, and implementing this CSO Reduction Program. I also applaud the visionary approach taken to install the first CSO Treatment Plant in Washington State that uses advanced preliminary treatment and disinfection, now the gold standard for combined wastewater treatment.

Director of Ecology, Ted Sturdevant, has shared with me the considerable benefits already realized to our precious waterways and their inhabitants because of your hard work. Bremerton's leadership in this critical area of water quality sets a strong and far-reaching example of the importance of managing our valuable water resources and offers a clear path for getting there.

Please share my heartfelt congratulations and appreciation to all involved in this accomplishment and for leading the way to implement state-of-the-art wastewater treatment. I applaud Bremerton's part in helping to achieve our goal of making Puget Sound and all our state's waterways clean and healthy again.

Sincerely,

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor