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Swan's Island  
LD 1231

I am writing to implore that LD 1231 passes and keeps ferries overnighting on Swan's Island. We are already at a great disadvantage with a 35-40-minute ferry ride between us and emergent help. If you take that away for overnights, it will be a detriment to our island for 15 out of the 24 hours in a day.

The ferry has docked overnight on Swan's Island for 65 years, providing our community with a lifeline to the mainland. Why on earth would you seek to put our community at more of a disadvantage than we already have? We should be improving island life, not jumping back in time.

As caregiver to an elderly mother with a heart condition in my home on Swan's Island, I can only imagine the anxiety this will create for her, knowing there isn't even help available during the night.

Please provide us with the peace of mind that we have always had-the opportunity to reach the mainland by night on the ferry, should the need arise. Thank you for your consideration.