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Dear Mr. Corrigan:

It has come to my attention that Peter Hebblethwaite, Chief Executive Officer of P&O Ferries, is planning to participate in the upcoming Interferry Conference.

As you are well aware, Mr. Hebblethwaite laid off 800 employees virtually, replaced them with cheap labor well below the United Kingdom's (UK) minimum wage, and broke UK law. These actions are unbecoming and unwelcome of any company representative. He was voted Europe's worst employer by the Congress of the European Transport Workers' Federation earlier this year and admitted to a parliamentary select committee that he knowingly broke the law but choose to do so anyway.

His participation puts a stain on the reputation of Interferry's conference. Employers like that have no place at an Interferry conference, let alone one that is co-hosted by the Washington State Ferries and takes place in the United States. His presence on the "Power and People" panel is an insult to all seafarers.

I encourage you to remove Mr. Hebblethwaite as a panelist from the Interferry conference. I thank you in advance for your consideration and your dedication to the ferry industry. If you have questions please contact Matt Dwyer, Democratic Staff Director, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation at (202) 225-4472.

Sincerely,

Peter A. DeFazio
Chair