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To Whom It May Concern:

We at Ivar's Seafood Bars wish to briefly tell you about our partnership with Port Jobs over the 4½ years that we have operated one of our highest volume Ivar's restaurants in Sea-Tac Airport.

The programs under the umbrella of Port Jobs have proven valuable to us as a business far beyond their primary functions at "Airport Jobs". Certainly, as an employer, the job placement services have been helpful to us, in no small part because these folks assist many job seekers in our community in finding rewarding and stable employment. Most of our key personnel at Sea-Tac have found us through Airport Jobs. Airport Jobs has operated job fairs that have been hugely successful events, several times each year for job seekers and employers. The simple fact that the folks at Airport Jobs know all of the "workings of the airport" has been invaluable for both job seekers and businesses within the airport community, making the processes much more easily navigated than were they not available.

Were the "job placement" contributions of Port Jobs all that their services offered, that would in and of itself be sufficient in supporting us as an employer at Sea-Tac. Our viewpoint is that it is the many other programs that Port Jobs offers that make it a progressive and vital contributor to the successes of the business environment at Sea-Tac. Airport University has been a great development tool above and beyond what we offer internally at Ivar's. The assistance to English-Second Language applicants and employees has aided many on our team. The United Way free tax preparation services have been much appreciated each year by our team members. Other programs such as access to financial services and transportation for low-income workers have also been shared with our team at Sea-Tac.

In a nutshell, we believe that the programs and people at Port Jobs are key to the vibrancy and health of the Sea-Tac, Seattle, and King County communities. The impact that these folks have on the people and businesses of these communities is not a budget-cut worthy "nicety", but rather an essential and supportive contribution to all. We believe that Port Jobs ought to be maintained as a vital "cog in the Sea-Tac wheel", one that would be sorely missed.

Please feel free to contact either one of us should you wish for any further feedback. We appreciate the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Port Jobs program and team!

Best Regards & Keep Clam,

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