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Dear Weymouth Harbour Authority,

I am writing to support the Maritime Heritage Community Interest Company's recent request for a discretionary waiver of harbour fees.

I was contacted by the local Company who explained their role in continuing to showcase Weymouth's rich maritime history and contribute to the towns tourism offer. Historic vessels like *My Girl* and *Enchantress* are well known to people in Weymouth and visitors.

However, I have been told that high operational costs are putting these historic vessels at risk. The discretionary waiver requested would be welcome and help secure the future of these historic vessels and allow them to continue to operate. I believe there are significant cultural and economic benefits to supporting the historic vessels, for the harbour and Weymouth as a whole.

For these reasons, I would be grateful for the Maritime Heritage Community Interest Company's request to be given full and proper consideration.

Yours sincerely

Lloyd Hatton MP