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To: HAGNR Exhibits
Subject: Bend Bridge

My name is Dave Carlson and a resident of Bend. Although retired, I am an active walker, hiker and biker. I live east of the Deschutes river. Let the record reflect that I STRONGLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY support a pedestrian/bike bridge. This bridge would provide access to all the wonderful trails along the west side of the river.

The only way I can presently access those trails would be to ride my bike 4 miles north, cross the Healy bridge, and then ride another 3-4 miles back to access the trails. The Healy bridge is extremely dangerous for bikers. The road and bridge curves continuously and the bridge crossing itself is very narrow. It's just flat dangerous! Two bikers have been killed in Bend within the past few months. That is unacceptable pure and simple.

The option I use to access the west side trails is to load my bike and/or hiking gear in a car and drive the above described route. Obviously this needlessly contributes to increased traffic and carbon emissions! If Oregon and legislators are truly serious about reducing carbon emissions, they would strongly support alternate modes of transportation including SAFE bike trails and good access including this bridge!

THIS IS A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE! I frankly am at a loss understanding why the legislature would consider passing legislation blocking this bridge! With the huge myriad of problems the legislature is faced with, this isn't one of them!

Please vote 'No'! THIS IS A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE. It will be hiker, walker, biker and carbon emission friendly!

Thank you,

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