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To: HAGNR Exhibits
Subject: Oppose HB 4029

Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 4029 which would not allow a pedestrian footbridge in south west Bend.

-We live in southwest bend and drive 20-30 minutes across the nearest road bridge to access phenomenal trails along the west side of the river. Having a footbridge would allow us to walk or bike ride to the trails.

- I feel that the bridge would be a huge improvement for all residents who currently live on the east side of the river, providing connectivity to the river's existing trails, and help reduce vehicular traffic.

- I typically support environments conservation efforts, but feel that this one is misguided. There are already multiple residential developments along the rivers edge, and perched on the cliffs above, adjacent to the proposed bridge, and more are approved and underway. Anyone who spends time on these trails or paddling the river would not consider this section of the river "wild" and scenic anymore. A pedestrian footbridge would do no harm to this area's aesthetics, or to wildlife habitats, which have already been disturbed and altered by the prominent high-end residential development.

- I feel the efforts to block this bridge are substantially by the few wealthy property owners, whose views are mostly self-centered, not community minded or conservation minded.

Thank you for your consideration,
Cindi Baker
SW Bend resident

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