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House Committee on Agriculture and National Resources

Dear Chair Clem, Vice-Chairs McLain and Sprenger, and members of the Committee,

My husband and I live on Quail Pine Loop, Bend, in a neighborhood indirectly impacted by the proposed bridge. We have been residents of Bend for 25 years.

Please oppose HB 4029.

Bend voted for a bond in 2012 to fund and connect our heavily-used River Trail so that the whole community could have access to the recreational opportunities offered by that trail. Residents who live on the east side of the Deschutes River do not have fair and just access to the existing trail.

People who have not lived in our community for very long, or at all as full-time residents, feel that no bridge should go in. The fact that this legislation has been brought by these special-interest individuals goes against the spirit of Bend and the larger needs of the community, rather than the interests of the individual.

I know that residents near the proposed bridge would be affected by an increased number of people in the area. However they feel strongly that intelligent river access and connecting the east- and west-side arms of the River Trail is more important than their personal desire for privacy. This is truly the spirit of the community of Bend.

I also am a longtime user of the River Trail, and support how Bend Parks and Recreation protects river communities, with signage, structural architecture, and plantings.

Do not stop this local process before we can find out how best to accomplish what our community needs.

Please do not pass HB 4029. Allow our community to do our planning and process locally, honoring the spirit and wishes of the people of Bend for the greater common good, as Oregon does so well.

Yours truly,

Cathy Carroll and Thor Erickson