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Dear Chair Dembrow and distinguished members of the Senate Environment
& Natural Resources Committee,

I ask you to support HB 2027-A that codifies an existing administrative rule prohibiting bridges in the State Scenic Waterway of the Upper Deschutes River. Through a loophole in the OAR, Bend Parks and Rec wants to circumvent long-standing environmental protections, condemn private land and build a bridge that will severally impact this fragile area. Environmentalists, biologists and homeowners have come together to support 2027-A and that's why the Oregon House of Representatives voted 54-0 in favor of HB 2027-A. I ask you to do the same.

I grew up overlooking this land and I know how important it is to protect. This land is some of the last untouched parts of the local Upper Deschutes River. Protecting this land that is a delicate habitat for wildlife and plants is of critical importance. Allowing this wild section of the river to be opened to foot traffic and infrastructure development will cause irreversible harm to this delicate habitat. Allowing this loophole to stand will also open up the area to unforeseen future developments, roads and bridges that will be detrimental to this wildlife. Please join me in being a steward for this land and vote in favor of HB 2027-A.

Thank you for protecting our environment,

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