Hello,

I am writing in opposition to House Bill 2027. I am a resident of Bend, Oregon. A pedestrian bridge at this location would greatly benefit the community. It would allow residents more access to outdoor recreation activities such as trails for hiking and biking.

I live on the East side of the Deschutes River, directly across the river from the Deschutes River Trail, 1/4 mile away as the crow flies. But to access this trail, I have to drive 20 minutes, through heavy traffic which is only getting heavier as Bend grows.

The question of environmental impact has been raised. A pedestrian bridge would cut down on traffic and pollution as well as provide access to trails. It would greatly improve quality of life, air quality, and reduce traffic in Bend.

As you know, Bend is growing fast. Demand for a pedestrian bridge will only increase as time goes on.

Please do what is best for the town and its residents. Reject House Bill 2027. Thank you. Amanda Telford