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To whom it may concern,

As a Bend resident and active outdoor person I am voicing my opinion against House Bill 2027. From all accounts it was hastily written by Rep. NearbyGene Whisnant with little or no regards for the public except for a small group of people who own homes nearby the proposed bridge near River Rim in southwest Bend.

I live in River Rim and one of the reasons I bought a home there was knowing a pedestrian bridge was going to be built across the Deschutes River linking the Deschutes River Trail. Funds were allocated in a Referendum in 2012 specifically for the bridge. In order for me to get to the trail on the west side of the river which is less than a half mile from my home, I have to drive seven miles on already congested roads.

There are always a group of NIMBYs that are going to oppose anything new much like those who opposed the new OSU campus. One of my favorite sayings which I whole heartedly believe in was from Spock on Star Trek, "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few". In this case the few are the NIMBYs and the many are all of us Bendites who love the area and want to have easy access to the activities we live here for.

Please vote against House Bill 2027 and for better access to the outdoors.

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