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Hello Senators of the Committee On Environment and Natural Resources,

I live in near the proposed bridge site on the east side of Deschutes river, and am strongly in favor of the Bend Parks District's proposed pedestrian foot bridge which would connect the east and west sides of the existing river trails. The access to trails is one of the things that makes Bend so great, and in addition, this bridge would help reduce car traffic across the Reed Market bridge which is our closest means to access the west side trails. I believe the bridge would be an awesome improvement to our neighborhood, and the whole community. I understand and appreciate efforts to protect scenic waterways, but there are already houses on the river rim near here, both to the north and south of the bridge site, and this is not a car/traffic bridge we're talking about. The bridge and trail connection would allow community access, and not just to the few wealthiest land owners, who own homes on the river rim. Please amend or vote against HB 2027-A, and allow this pedestrian foot bridge project to move forward.

Thank you,

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