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To: [SENR Exhibits](#)
Subject: House Bill 2027
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Dear Committee Members:

I am writing you as a resident and landowner near the site of the proposed bridge over the Deschutes River to ask you to vote against this bill when it comes before your Committee. This bill, the result of a gut-and-stuff legislative maneuver by Rep. Whisnant, is supported only by twelve wealthy NIMBY landowners masquerading as a conservation group, and would frustrate the will of thousands of Bend voters who voted in favor of a pedestrian bridge in this area. Any "conservation" concerns with this pedestrian bridge are bogus; the area is surrounded by multimillion-dollar homes and is adjacent to a USFS leash-free dog zone, as well as being just downstream from a major trail. The only difference the bridge will make is that many Bend residents will be able to walk directly to the river trail, rather than have to drive their cars miles through town to get there. Reducing traffic and encouraging walking and biking are, of course, goals for both Oregon and Bend. And, again, this bridge was approved in a park bond vote by the citizens of Bend.

HB 2027 is a terrible example of NIMBYism, and unfortunately, pay-to-play by our local representatives- if you've got the money, you can frustrate the will of the voters. This is not my Oregon, or the Oregon that this Legislature represents. Please vote against HB 2027 when it comes before your Committee. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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