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Dear Senate Committee,

Where is the democratic process in relation to House Bill 2027? I am so frustrated that our elected officials are not listening to all the Bend residents. The blockage of a bridge over the Deschutes on the South side of town is an example of "creating 2 Bends." Why should the voices of a few wealthy Westside riverfront owners have more clout than the voice of the electorate that voted YES on the creation of such a bridge. At the least this pedestrian bridge that would connect the neighborhoods on the East side of the river to trails on the west side should be allowed to be considered. Shouldn't families on both side of the river be able to share this amazing part of where we live without having to get in a car and contribute to traffic? I do not believe that those claiming harm to the environment are being truthful, but real research should go into this project so that science, not playing on emotions, can determine the impact of a pedestrian bridge.

Please consider the view of those citizens who may be less politically connected and have less monetarily to offer politicians, but who live, work, recreate and vote in this community.

If there is anything else that I can do to help ensure that this project gets a fair chance, please let me know.

Thank you,

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