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Dear Senate,

Please vote yes on house bill 2027. I am concerned that the Bend Metro Parks and Recreation Department is part of a frenzy to develop and benefit from the unchecked development that is going on without enough concern and diligence being paid to preserving our river resources and the wildlife along the river corridor. First the BMPRD sought to overturn the Wild and Scenic status that the Deschutes River was given years ago. Voters clearly said no to doing that a year ago but now it seems that BMPRD has sought other avenues to do it anyway in order to implement their desires to develop the river access regardless of what the voters voted.

Having lived along near the river since 1999 I have seen the changes and impact housing developments have had on the river wildlife. It has been dramatic. We have lost the elk herd, the coyotes, the bobcats, the river trout and other wild animals and aquatic entities, including more exotic and potentially extinct critters unique to this river habitat. I am concerned for the health and longevity of our river beauty when agencies such as the BMPRD can force their will upon the community without appropriate study and a valid process that doesn't just ramrod their will upon the community that wants to protect our wildlife.

Additionally, another concern is the denigration of proposing to build bridges across and upon private neighborhoods and residential areas that have existing for decades. This seems very unfair and odd that a park district has this power.

Thank you for your support of HB 2027.

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