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To whom it may concern:

I would like to voice my opposition to this bill as it would prohibit any future pedestrian bridges from being built on the Deschutes River Wild and Scenic section. A pedestrian bridge will in no way have the harmful effects on scenic beauty, wildlife, or traffic that some are using as an excuse to pass this bill. The Oregon Spotted Frog is found all along the Deschutes River in the Old Mill District and much has been done there to preserve its habitat. This would disprove the idea that a pedestrian bridge would be detrimental in other areas as there are pedestrian and highway bridges in the Old Mill District. Neither would a pedestrian bridge hinder wildlife corridors, actually wild life would most likely use the bridge as a corridor. They currently migrate through many developments and seem to have adapted to human presence. And for the increased traffic congestion argument a bridge will actually cut down on traffic and fossil fuel use as it will provide residents on the east side of the river a way to connect via human power to the west side.

It has been a goal of the Bend Parks and Recreation District to provide complete continuity to the Deschutes River Trail from Sunriver to Tumalo State Park and they have spent a great deal of money to see this vision through to its end. A pedestrian bridge near the Meadow Camp access is supported by the majority of residents here whereas HB 2027 is only supported by a few property owners who do not wish to see a trail near their property. It would not be just and prudent to allow the wishes of a few to prevail in this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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