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House Bill 2027 will prohibit a proposed pedestrian bridge across the Deschutes River very close to my home in Bend's River Rim Neighborhood. Our development is homeowner owned and maintained, yet we allow and encourage the Deschutes River Trail to pass through our property. For many years residents of Bend have supported and enjoyed this trail system and connecting it with the Forest Service River Trail has been a long time community goal. A majority of Bend residents say they support efforts to connect both sides of the River.

Now it feels like HB2027 is a "back room deal" that was manipulated upon us without any debate, input or conversation with all stakeholders, all for the benefit of a few property owners. This issue deserves public involvement and scrutiny before a premature decision is made blocking public access and connection between both sides of the Deschutes. I urge you to consider finding a way to better address the concerns of both sides of this issue, engaging the public in an open and transparent process.

Thank You  
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