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Oregon Legislature,

As concerned residents of Bend, we would like to voice our opposition to house bill 2027-A being voted on today in Salem. Both my husband and I are in favor of having a bridge put in over the Deschutes to allow better access and link existing trails. The extensive trail system and efforts put into creating a more accessible link to nature and the surrounding geographic beauty in Bend were some of the determining factors that drew us to this area. We are avid hikers, cyclist, skiers and outdoor enthusiasts. Creating an even better trail system linking areas that are not currently connected, is to us a win for the Bend and surrounding communities. It provides access to the natural surroundings and unites the community as a whole. Additionally, a bridge encourages walking or cycling rather than driving. This gives our community viable means to decrease our footprint on the planet while improving our own physical fitness. We urge the legislature to reject any measure that prohibits consideration of bridges over the central Oregon waterways.

Sincerely,  
Dr and Mrs. Fredric Tietz

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