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House Committee on Agriculture and National Resources
Chair Clem and committee members

We are writing to strongly oppose House Bill 4029, which would ban any bridge crossing of the Deschutes River in the Southeast Bend, Oregon area. Our Parks and Recreation District has been working through the process and planning for such a bridge for several years, in an effort to provide a continuous river trail from Bend to Sun River. Nearly all residents in the area are in favor of such a bridge as it would provide access to Forest Service trails that currently are not easily accessible. Only a few selfish homeowners already on the river (and evidently politically connected) have been trying to block continued planning for this much needed bridge. Ongoing work would comply with federal guidelines and continue to involve local input in the planning process. This should not be something that is squelched by a State law that serves no local interest. As our area continues to grow, we need to have this type of recreational access available to all our citizens, and not have it blocked by a few privileged landowners that are already enjoying that benefit.

We, and the vast majority of our neighbors, oppose House Bill 4029, and we urge your committee to do the same.

Thank you.

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