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House Committee on Agriculture and National Resources
Representative Brian Clem, Chair
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Salem, Oregon 97301

Chair Clem, Vice-Chairs McLain and Sprenger and members of the Committee:

I strongly oppose the House Bill 4029. I am a Bend resident, living in a neighborhood near the proposed footbridge. I have floated and fished the river in this stretch and am familiar with the both river and the surrounding National Forest lands and private lands. This bill is a thinly veiled attempt to limit access to sections of public land under the guise of "conservation". While this bill proposes to ban a footbridge, construction of a 78-home development right along the river has begun literally 100-200 yards from the proposed bridge site. Do those in favor of this bill believe that a footbridge will have a greater negative impact on the river than a 78-home development?

I am a strong supporter of the conservation of wildlife and wild places. That is not what this bill is about. This is a clear attempt to permanently limit public access and I oppose it.

Sincerely,
Ed Sylvester