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House Committee on Agriculture and National Resources Representative Brian Clem, Chair 900 Court Street, NE Salem, Oregon 97301

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

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 4029. That bill is a detriment to the community of Bend and only benefits a select group of individuals who have used deception and financial influence to get to this point. The people of Bend have long valued wild places to recreate and the ability to connect the east side river trails to the west side publicly owned lands is exactly what this community desires. As the population in Central Oregon grows, it will only become that much more important to secure access to public lands before the cost to do so becomes impossibly high.

I am a supporter of the conservation of wildlife and wild places but this is simply not the issue at hand. Do you know that as I type this I can hear the drilling and construction of the 73 home luxury development that is currently being built in the exact area as the proposed bridge and in the Deschutes River Scenic Waterway?

I am a Bend resident and home owner near the proposed bridge. This bridge will directly benefit my family, our neighborhood and the entire community of Bend and I urge you to vote no on HB 4029.

Sincerely,

Jeannelle Sylvester