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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:

With a disproportionate amount of recreational areas on the west side of the Deschutes river in Bend, a footbridge that favors bike and walking access to those opportunities would be a boon to our community. The alternative for many people is getting in their car, and driving around on a bridge that already sees a fair amount of traffic. Promoting alternative, healthier methods of transportation should be a goal that we can all endorse. The area in question has many expensive homes, a golf course, and is in no way a remote wilderness that would suffer from a simple, unobtrusive footbridge.

Sincerely, David N. Welton Bend, Oregon

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