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House Committee on Agriculture and National Resources
Representative Brian Clem, Chair
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Chair Clem, Vice-Chairs McLain and Sprenger and members of the Committee:

I am a 14 year resident of Bend, Oregon. I have been following the proposed legislation for the foot bridge. Now is the time to act and make the foot bridge a reality. Failure to do so now will make it difficult, if not impossible, in the future to make this happen. Those opposing the bridge hold various positions. While I appreciate the environmental concerns, I believe the credibility of the opponents at large is weakened by their financial support from some wealthy landowners who are along the river between Meadow Campground and the existing footbridge. I encourage you to look at the great good served by the footbridge and to recognize that a wealthy few should not have more of a voice than the general population of Central Oregonians who will access, use, and benefit from the proposed footbridge.

Sincerely,

Thomas J Barry