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Dear Representative Clem and Members of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee:

I SUPPORT passage of HB 4029 and respectfully urge a YES vote on HB 4029 to legislatively enforce compliance with the Upper Deschutes "no bridges rule".

OAR [736-040-0073](#), in place since 1996, is unambiguous in its intent regarding new bridges in this section of the Deschutes River:

(f) New bridges will not be permitted.

(h) New, above ground river crossing will not be permitted;

HB 4029 will uphold and strengthen existing rules, protecting wildlife and the character of the Deschutes River. This section of river is home to great horned owls, golden and bald eagles, osprey, otters, beaver and many others. The area was also recently designated for further protections for the spotted frog. It is of immense value to Bend, Deschutes County and to the State of Oregon. Sensitive areas like this across Oregon deserve protection, now and for future generations.

Please send a strong message of support by voting YES on HB 4029.

Thank you,
Patrick Fortner

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