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**From:** Jill Wimberly <jillwimberly@peoplepc.com>  
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**To:** HAGNR Exhibits  
**Subject:** testimony on HB 4029, please support HB 4029

Dear Chairman Clem, V-Chairs McLain and Sprenger and members of the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources,

Please support HB 4029 and which aims to protect for future generations the Wild and Scenic stretches of the Deschutes River.

I am a native Oregonian, actually a 5th generation native Oregonian. I have live in Central Oregon for 18 years and in Bend for the past 10 years. I have witnessed how the explosive growth of Bend has impacted our surrounding public lands, specifically the Deschutes River Trail area. It's impact has been mostly negative causing loss of wildlife and erosion. It is time to stop encroaching on our wildlife refuges and respect the guidelines that our progressive and visionary fore-fathers formulated to protect our wildlife. There is no need to build a bridge in this section of the river. There are multiple consequences of such a structure, the most important being that additional access will destroy the fragile habitat. **Everyone already has access to this area, no more access is needed. Bend Park and Recreation District proposed bridge would improve access for a few at the cost of destroying the habitat for all. It is not worth it. Please support HB 4029.**

Thank you,  
Julianne Wimberly