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To: HAGNR Exhibits
Subject: HB 4029

Honorable Committee Members,

I urge you to vote NO on HB 4029. HB 4029 calls for a ban on bridges crossing the Deschutes River from the south end of Bend to Sunriver. I am a resident of Bend and I live near the site of the proposed footbridge. Construction of a footbridge at the southern boundary of Bend has been part of the Bend Transportation System Plan, the Deschutes River Trail Plan, and the Bend Parks and Recreation District's plans for over 20 years. It is interesting that this issue only surfaced recently. Access to the natural resources in the area are an important part of life in Central Oregon and the proposed bridge would provide access to the Deschutes National Forest. The trail system along the Deschutes River in Bend is carefully managed by the Bend Parks and Recreation District to minimize any adverse environmental impacts. The same would be true for the proposed bridge and adjacent trails. There is strong support for the bridge in the community. Much of the opposition has been from people outside of the area and even from foreign countries.

Please vote NO on HB 4029.

Sincerely,

Curt Crossman
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