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Members of the Oregon Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

I am writing you today to say that I am unequivocally opposed to House Bill 2027. As a Bend resident, there is a lot for we Bendites to be proud of. Overwhelmingly though, our identity as a community is tied directly to the amazingly ridiculous amount of outdoor recreational opportunities that we have access to immediately adjacent to our beautiful city. Connecting the Deschutes River Trail from Sunriver to Tumalo has long been the vision of this community and the Bend Parks & Recreation District. Proof of this was confirmed by the passage of the BPRD bond measure in 2012, which included the aforementioned trail connectivity and a 2014 survey of surrounding neighborhoods in which 88% approved of a bridge and trails on this section of the Deschutes River.

Passage of House Bill 2027 would prevent an entire community from even having the opportunity to participate in the extensive public engagement process that this project would require before a shovel ever comes close to touching the ground. This is a local conversation that should be discussed by local residents. Please, do not allow that process to be circumvented and vote **NO** on House Bill 2027.

Thank you for your consideration,

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