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Dear Mr. Alexander,

I am a Westport resident and I strongly support preservation of the Saugatuck Swing Bridge. The bridge is one of Westport's most important and iconic historical resources and it is greatly valued by those of us who live here and use it every day. It contributes to the special character of Saugatuck Village and it prevents large trucks from using our local streets and endangering pedestrians and bikers.

It has been pointed out that the Saugatuck Swing Bridge is the nation's oldest, active span of its type. For this reason, and those mentioned above, the bridge should be repaired and preserved in its current dimensions, not enlarged, raised, moved or replaced. Thank you.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours, David L. Meth Westport Preservation Alliance