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Subject: Saugatuck River Swing Bridge

Mr. Mark W. Alexander Transportation Assistant Planning Director CTDOT, Bureau of Policy and Planning 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

Dear Mr. Alexander,

I am a lifelong Westport resident who <u>strongly</u> supports the preservation of the Saugatuck River Swing Bridge. The bridge is one of Westport's most significant historical resources and is greatly valued by those of us who live here and use it every day. Further, it contributes to the special character of Saugatuck - and it also prevents large trucks from using our local streets and endangering pedestrians.

The fact that this bridge is now the nation's oldest, active span of its type serves to further support the community's consensus that it should be repaired and preserved in its current dimensions - not enlarged, not raised, and not replaced.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

P. W. Wriedt Westport