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Dear Mr. Alexander,

Please add me to the record of one who opposes any changes taking away the historical value of the Saugatuck Swing Bridge. The preservation of the bridge is an important part of the history of the town as well the section we know as Saugatuck.

When I was in the State Senate, I worked with our delegation to assure the bridge would be preserved for the same reasons you are hearing today. At the time it was believed the bridge would continue to remain as it is presently structured, with maintenance being a key component. I urge you do keep that commitment. The state needs to invest and retain the current structure and then properly maintain Saugatuck Swing Bridge.

During the last meeting in Westport and I believe in the current report, there is a reference to a 75 year life for the bridge if your current plan was initiated? Was there a life span given at the time the bridge was repaired and restructured in the 80's?

I hope you listen to the many who came forward to support the preservation of this important piece of Westport history. It is one of the few self-contained areas in our town having an historical identity with the bridge the glue that keeps it together.

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