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To: DOT Environmental Planning
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Dear Ms. Bhardwaj and Mr. Alexander,

I grew up in Westport on Saugatuck Avenue and chose to move back to our town 20 years ago. Some of the reasons I came back were the same reasons that my parents moved here. Excellent schools, close to the city and most importantly, the character of the town.

My husband and I chose to live in the Saugatuck area because it had its own small town vibe and quaint New England feel. We bought a wreck of a house, built in 1850, and spent 16+ years bringing our home back from the brink of decay. We felt it was important to keep the character of the house even though it would have been easier to knock it down and build new. Our reasoning for this was once its gone, its gone. Pictures don't let you live in history on a daily basis.

I feel that your proposals for the renovation of Cribari Bridge will completely destroy the character of the bridge and in turn our little village. The increased traffic and speed of traffic that your proposal would allow will surely lead to an increase in accidents and injuries.

I would like to see a true preservation of the bridge take place, so that future generations can enjoy living in history.

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