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Please write a letter NOW!!

SAVE the historic *CRIBARI-SAUGATUCK BRIDGE*

[YOUR LETTERHEAD]

By email (james.redeker@ct.gov)
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Re: The Cribari Bridge, Westport, Connecticut

Dear Commissioner Redeker:

I write to express my enthusiastic *support of preserving* **The Cribari Bridge in Westport**. Built in 1884, it is the oldest swing bridge in Connecticut and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Additionally, The Town Westport is in the process of having the bridge designated as a local historic property.

I urge you to work with the residents of Westport to protect and preserve this iconic and historic structure, and the character neighborhoods it connects. Doing so would be wholly consistent with DOT's mission, as stated on the DOT's website:

“[S]trive to maintain and enhance the quality of life in the State and the region by maintaining the character of our communities, supporting responsible growth, and by enhancing and being sentive to the environment.”

On the other hand, replacing the Cribari Bridge Saugatuck will serve to indelibly harm our community. Not only will Westport and the Saugatuck district be robbed of a historically significant and living landmark, local residents will be further insulted by the assault of increased volumes of vehicular traffic, including tractor trailers, diverting off of Interstate 95 and traversing the span, further congesting the already traffic-choked roads in the Saugatuck district.

The small dimensions of the current bridge are instrumental in calming traffic and protecting the fragile infrastructure of Saugatuck's old town roads, limiting pollution in the river and the surrounding environment, and preserving the health and safety of Westport's residents. A bigger bridge will cost us, the Westport's taxpaying public, that invaluable protection.

I believe that this charming structure should be repaired and restored so that it can continue to span both the river and centuries, continuing to serve as a bridge and monument to Westport's history and character.

With thanks for your time and attention, respectfully,

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SUGGESTION

Write Mr. Redeker and the four other local representatives by copying all the emails below at one time.

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*Copy into SUBJECT "Save the Historic Westport Cribari - Saugatuck Bridge"

*For Malloy, Himes and Murphy you must link to each of their websites individually to write them.

cc: Governor Dannel Malloy

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