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**Cc:** Westport Preservation Alliance  
**Subject:** Cribari Memorial Bridge, Westport

Attention: DOT Supervising Engineer Priti S. Bhardwaj

Allowing replacement or structural changes to Westport's Cribari Memorial Swing Bridge would create an untenable nightmare for the Saugatuck and Greens Farms areas of Westport. The streets are not designed for the amount or type of traffic that could and would divert from I95.

The Cribari Bridge has historical significance and is visually appealing . More importantly, the bridge currently acts as a traffic calming device.

The whole area is historically significant to Connecticut and our Country. Please protect this historical and ecologically sensitive area for the safety of current residents and for future generations.

Right now, as a country, we need to remember the sacrifices of the past generations and their founding principles so that we can move forward in responsible ways. The Cribari Bridge is a symbol of strength, courage, endurance and co-operation.

Please protect the beloved Swing Bridge.

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