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Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 7:59 AM
To: Bhardwaj, Priti S.
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Subject: Cribari bridge preservation

Dear Priti,

I write to you as a resident of Westport, Connecticut for fifteen years. I live at Compo Beach, my children row at the Saugatuck Rowing Club, and I drive over the Cribari bridge multiple times a day. Whilst there is no doubt that the bridge is narrow, and - I understand - in need of repair, it remains one of the historic, charming, unique features of Westport that drew me to choosing the town as a place to raise my family all those years ago.

Much has changed in the fifteen years I have been here. I look across the street to a house built in 1930 that is one of the last gracious homes in Westport, at the large demolition notice in the window. I have watched house after house, some dating back to the last century, be torn down to make way for bigger! Better! Shinier! New! And with each house, with each change, I watch my town lose a little more of the character and charm that drew me here in the first place; that drew so many of us here in the first place.

The Cribari bridge is important. The lack of width has not been a problem for anyone who regularly drives over it, and in fact prevents the large trucks from I95 jumping off and using the back roads of Greens Farms as a convenient cut through. I have no doubt the traffic would be infinitely worse for the residents of Westport should that bridge be widened.

But the fact remains that there are many of us who are deeply disturbed by the continuing changes in our relatively small New England town. Please do not let the Cribari bridge be one of them.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Green