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**Sent:** Saturday, June 18, 2016 5:07 PM  
**To:** DOT Environmental Planning  
**Subject:** Cribari Bridge in Westport

Dear Environmental Planning,

My name is Robert Channing Wheeler, and I have lived in Westport for 20 years in the Saugatuck area. The Cribari Bridge is an abomination, and the demands of car traffic and progress require a totally new bridge spanning the Saugatuck River. I have seen the traffic backed up from South Compo all the way to the bridge, and in the other direction, from the Railroad station all the way to the bridge. The bridge is a choke point for the thousands of cars per day who traverse it.

The bridge is too narrow, there need to be turn lanes where it meets downtown Saugatuck from Bridge Street. When a truck passes the bridge a car can barely fit in the opposite lane.

As you know, the bridge was built in the administration of Grover Cleveland, BEFORE CARS WERE INVENTED. It makes no sense to preserve this antique, and all the sense in the world to design a span fit for purpose with the traffic patterns of the 21st Century, not the horse and buggies of the 19th Century.

Sincerely,

R. Channing Wheeler