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Dear Mr. Alexander,

As a 36 year resident of Westport I STRONGLY support the preservation of the Saugatuck River Swing Bridge! This iconic bridge is one of Westports most important resources. It is a major part of what forms the very character of Saugatuck Village. A quiet village which will be forever changed for the worse, if it's not preserved in it's current dimensions. NOT enlarged, raised, heightened, moved, or replaced.

If this bridge is not preserved in it's current form, Saugatuck Village will become a Miniature Post Road. This would mean everyone driving faster and faster and more and more traffic and trucks and serious danger! This would destroy the very thing which makes Saugatuck so special. A calm place where people can stroll, walk, bike and simply enjoy the peace of the river and bridge in its original setting.

I've watched and enjoyed this bridge opening and closing and boats going through since 1980. Even though it was restored and motorized, it still looks and functions as it was designed to do. It's grace, beauty, function and locale, give it a unique and irreplaceable place in the soul of Saugatuck Village.

I urge you to repair and preserve this extremely important historic icon of Saugatuck Village.

Thank You.

Peter Fulbright