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To: DOT Environmental Planning
Cc: Westport Preservation Alliance

Dear Mr. Alexander,

As a former Westport resident I strongly support preservation of the Saugatuck Swing Bridge. The bridge is one of Westport's most important and iconic historical resources and it is greatly valued . It contributes to the special character of Saugatuck Village and it prevents large trucks from using our local streets and endangering pedestrians and bikers.

This bridge has my fathers name on it, which is very special to our family, but that is not the only reason it should be preserved. Saugatuck is a small neighborhood with narrow streets which does not support trucks and never should. There are trucks that go over the bridge now and with the shape of the bridge they most likely should not be using it now.

As far as the boaters. I don't know many bridges which would support all boats, and up until now that has not been a huge issue. The bottom line is that the bridge is in desperate need of repair and it should be done as soon as possible without any changes. This bridge suits the town of Saugatuck and is what makes it so special.

It has been pointed out that the Saugatuck Swing Bridge is the nation's oldest, active span of its type. For this reason, and those mentioned above, the bridge should be repaired and preserved in its current dimensions, not enlarged, raised, moved or replaced.

Thank you so much for your time

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