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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments: Ambassador Bridge Enhancement Project (Public Notice 09-01-16) application
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Hello Mr. Garneau.

Please accept the comments below from Mr. Tom Fayz, president of the Springdale-Woodmere Block Club. He is copied on this correspondence. Thank you.

Amanda Kaye

Dear Mr. Garneau,

I have lived in southwest Detroit all my life. I raised my children here and have seen over and over again how we continue to be shortchanged when it comes to protecting our public health. I am urging that the USCG to please deny the Ambassador Bridge Enhancement Project (Public Notice 09-01-16) application. We deserve a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Ambassador Bridge Company has not been honest about their full plans for that site. They are planning to close Fort Street and expand their current bridge plaza. They have told a number of community members of their intentions including the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. They are cutting up the project to avoid doing the right testing and study for this massive project. It is wrong and the USCG has a duty to protect the public from those who try to avoid the laws and procedures that keep us safe.

I am also very angry that they claim they own Riverside Park when they have not received the appropriate approvals by both the federal and state government. Our tax dollars were used on Riverside Park where so many of our young people played baseball until the Bridge Company got their hands on it illegally. The Bridge Company can't own Riverside Park because of the reasons stated in the letters submitted by both the Michigan Department of Natural Resources & U.S. Department of Interior National Park Service. We deserve not to be misled. Riverside Park must remain a public park. Funds provided by us, the public, went into Riverside Park. Ambassador Bridge needs to stop pretending they own it because they got a few at Detroit City Hall to say so.

Too many of us have asthma and respiratory disease. I have seen friends die of cancer and other illnesses because we continue to be denied the same protections that other neighborhoods get. We deserve the right to have the Bridge Company use the updated EPA standards for air quality analysis. They are not even using MOVES2010a as required by the EPA. Why don't they have to? Why are we allowing them to use outdated information and systems in deciding if their project is harming our public health. We deserve an EIS.

Sincerely,

Tom Fayz, President
Springdale Woodmere Block Club &
a proud Vietnam Veteran

