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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] AMBASSADOR BRIDGE SECOND SPAN PERMIT
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To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is to oppose the permitting of a second span of the Ambassador Bridge as proposed by the Detroit International Bridge Company.

As a resident of Southwest Detroit and a mother, I am concerned about the increase in traffic and emissions that would come from with the additional span. Our neighborhood already faces challenges with pollution and associated health issues, issues that should be addressed and remediated before even considering increasing the volume of trucks and other traffic in our community. I don't believe that anyone asking to build this bridge or associated with its construction would choose to live or raise their children in the environment that it would create.

Most importantly, the DIBC has not obtained the appropriate approvals or arrangements for the Coast Guard to even consider this permit request. For an application to be entertained, the applicant must show they have the appropriate provisions in place to build the bridge, but in this case, the DIBC has yet to secure the air rights over Fort Street from the Michigan Department of Transportation. To move forward with this project, the US Department of Interior and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources would also need to approve the conversion of Riverside Park away from public outdoor recreation, which has not happened and is by no means a foregone conclusion.

I ask that the Coast Guard not make a decision regarding the permit unless the DIBC receives approval from the DNR to use the Riverside Park land, and is granted air rights over Fort Street from MDOT. Additionally, a full Environmental Impact Study (EIS) on the proposed second private span needs to be performed before any decisions are made. Only if and when these conditions are met should the Coast Guard make a decision about the permit.

Thank you,
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