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Dear Mr. Garneau,

I am writing to express great concern over the application referred to as the Ambassador Bridge Enhancement Project (Public Notice 09-01-16). I have lived in southwest Detroit and worked in the neighborhood where the current international bridge is located for the last 5 years. The area is vibrant, culturally rich, and full of amazing youth, families, and other community members.

The youth and families that I work with at Urban Neighborhood Initiatives have limited access to health care and recreational activities. This is just one of the many reasons that our organization has developed 4 neighborhood parks to date. This is also reason I am urging the USCG to deny the application:

1) City of Detroit did not have authority to convey ownership of Riverside Park which is needed for the new bridge proposal. Riverside Park had a number of federal grants that have strong restrictions in how it can be used. An international crossing would completely change the purpose of the park and what those federal grants intended. Our families deserve to keep Riverside Park for recreational use. The property the Bridge Company claims to give us in exchange does not come close to what we have with Riverside Park, a park that is primary importance for Southwest Detroit in terms of public access to the Detroit River.

2) More importantly, it is very rare for any community to host an international crossing where thousands of trucks are being transported on it and through the community every single day. This project deserves a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The process that the Bridge Company uses in analyzing air quality is outdated. However, it is more important to note that they still are segmenting the project to avoid having to fully comply with NEPA and elevate the project to an EIS.

Thank you for considering my comments and I hope the USCG does everything in their authority to ensure that the Bridge Company is not trying to avoid following the laws that are there to protect the public. Strong neighborhoods have strong amenities and Riverside Park is essential to supporting a positive quality of life for our community.

Sincerely,  
Tiffany Tononi

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