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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Concern Over Ambassador Bridge Project (Public Notice 09-01-16)
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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 worked in Southwest in the neighborhood where the current international bridge is located.

In my role as a Youth Program Coordinator and now Youth Development Director, I have worked with hundreds of youth and families who have limited access to health care and recreational activities. Alongside the community, we have worked diligently to protect and develop community assets, including many parks in order for families to have more access to safe, recreational activities. 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 want those federal grants intended. Since the Bridge Company does have legal ownership of the park, they don't have the property necessary to proceed. 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.

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 The process that the Bridge Company uses in analyzing air quality is outdated.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.

Sincerely,

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