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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 currently live in southwest Detroit and work in the neighborhood where the current international bridge is located.

The youth and families that I work with have limited access to health care and recreational activities, so for the following reasons, 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 The process that the Bridge Company uses in analyzing air quality is outdated.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. I've attached more reasons as to why this idea would be more harmful than helpful.

Sincerely,
Louise Tessier