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Dear Ms Stephenson,

I am writing to you with regard to the Mitchell Street bridge located in Chatham Mass. Replacement of this bridge is pork spending. The bridge is a huge waste of tax money.

This bridge is not part of a state or federal highway system. <sup>It</sup> ~~connect two sides of a street that intersects with a waterway.~~ The waterway need to left open for boat traffic. The bridge, no longer if ever, connects any part of Chatham that cannot be reached by town streets. To go from one side waterway to the other side of the waterway is less than 4 miles in distance.

There is currently a wooden drawbridge. It is said to be Historic and must be saved. The original bridge has been replaced in the past with a wooden drawbridge. Having no bridge in this location would be much more historic.

This old bridge should be removed. The street should be closed to road traffic. A historic signs could be placed at each side of the Mitchell river to indicate the past location of the bridge. Historic signs have been used though out the United States To commemorate the locations of historic roads like the Cumberland trail, Santa Fe Trail and the Oregon trail.

Thank you for your consideration,

Donna H. Rhodes