

# Late Backup

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Speaker

Austin City Council

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Due to my obligations to my employer I am unable to attend this meeting in person.

Issue 1) Until Mrs. Hernandez presented me with the protest petition I had no idea there was a proposal to build this bridge in my neighborhood. I have not been contacted by the contractor, nor a representative of the contractor, nor any communication with the City Department of public works concerning the construction of this bridge.

Issue 2) Access provided by this bridge will redefine school bus routes in the area. Students who are more than 2 miles away now, will be denied bus transportation in the future if this bridge is built. Elementary school children, an age when they are the most vulnerable to traffic, gangs and sexual predators will be forced to walk to school. At this writing there are 64 registered sexual predators in the 78753 zip code area and no telling how many un-registered predators. And each day each child that walks to school and back home will be subject to possible abduction by these people. The gangs will expand into the uncontrolled area and adjoining neighborhoods to escape the Rundberg/I-35 police zone and will target these young children to shoplift for them to carry drugs for them and recruit them into their ranks.

The only group that will benefit are the gangs that will use it for easy expansion into a new territory. It should not be built.

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