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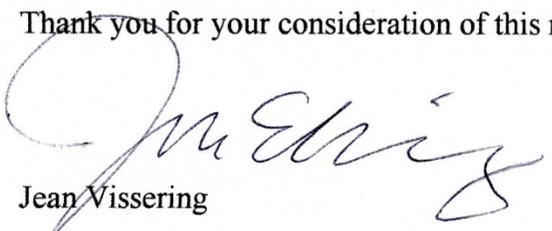
Dear Representative Brennan

I am writing on behalf of the East Montpelier Village Committee in support of funding for the Cross Vermont Trail Winooski River bridge. The bridge will be a critical link which could provide opportunities to connect East Montpelier village with Montpelier, providing both recreational and transportation opportunities.

Our seven-member committee is appointed by the East Montpelier Selectboard, and we are charged with promoting the development and enhancement of East Montpelier village as a place to live, work and do business. Our committee has worked successfully to provide sidewalks and crosswalks at the recently reconfigured intersection of Routes 2 and 14, and we now have a Bicycle/Pedestrian Grant to extend sidewalks throughout the village center. Creating links to the Cross Vermont Trail, which runs along the edge of the village is an important future goal.

As you know the bridge has been designed and federal grant money is available. Only \$300,000 of the \$1.6 million project is needed, much of which will come from private fund-raising. Our Committee urges the legislature to support state funding of \$100,000 through the Vtrans' budget toward the non-federal match for construction of the bridge.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.


Jean Vissering