

Dear Honorable Councilwoman Drago:

My name is Marko Tubic, and I am President of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce. As Chamber President when I first heard of the issue of people jumping from the Aurora Bridge, I am embarrassed to say I honestly thought, "Of all the places government could spend money...who cares if people want to jump from the Aurora Bridge and kill themselves -- let them!"

As I learned more on the subject I was humbled -- when I drove my daughter and a friend of hers to an impromptu memorial for a Ballard High School class member who leapt to her death four year's ago, I felt ashamed I could be so ignorant. Words simply can not express how thankful I am for all you have done in reference to the Aurora Bridge issue. I get so very emotional when I think of that young girl; she was a community soccer player whom my daughter played against. From what I understand, she was a great student, like my daughter; and had many friends, like my daughter. This year my daughter will be graduating from Ballard High School and heading on to college like a classmate who is no longer with us should be.

It would seem that painfully - and all too often - the act of jumping is an impulsive one. A vast majority of those who survive such an attempt regret the act and do not attempt to repeat it. A high school freshman girl does not deserve such an end to her life.

Thank you for being at BF Day, and if you ever need someone by your side on this topic when people may think or say, "Of all the places government could spend money, who cares if people want to jump from the Aurora Bridge and kill themselves, let them!" Please call or email me, and I will be there with you.

With best regards, I am
Yours truly,
Marko

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