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Dear Ryan Thurston:

I am writing to express our strong support for your efforts to establish a suicide barrier on the Aurora Bridge in Seattle, Washington. The Youth Suicide Prevention Program is committed to reducing the incidence of suicidal behaviors among the youth of our state and a barrier would be one such strategy.

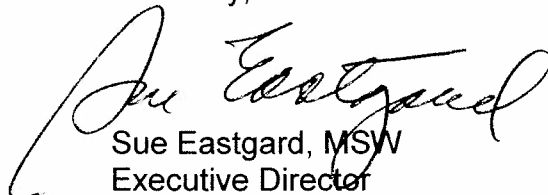
Our organization fully agrees with the mission and goals of FRIENDS, a grassroots effort dedicated to reducing suicides from the bridge. We also support the Washington State Department of Transportation "Aurora Bridge Suicide Prevention Project".

It is our sincere belief that a suicide barrier will:

- deter future individuals from committing suicide from the bridge
- reduce the overall suicide rate in the area
- save lives

We believe that with enough community support this tragic situation can be resolved.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director