Representative Geraldine Thompson

1402 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear Representative Thompson,

My name is (insert name). I am a resident of Windermere, FL. I am writing to state my support of House Bill HB 2581 Pedestrian Bridge, which you have co-sponsored with Senator Vic Torres.

The Town of Windermere recently submitted Appropriation Requests to the State of Florida/DOT for matching to replace an existing bridge that does not allow for appropriate access for pedestrians and other means of multi modal transportation. The existing bridge is old, does not accommodate for the handicapped, and is difficult to navigate based on current height and width. The new bridge will be 15' wide with longer landings and easier, more manageable slopes. This new bridge will also provide direct access for pedestrians and students to safely bike or walk to Windermere Elementary School, recreation areas, civic activities, etc.

Passage of HB 2581 will ensure:

* **Safety:** Pedestrians and cyclists will have a safe, protected path to travel to and from civic, recreational, commercial, and educational facilities out of the line of traffic.
* **Increased accessibility:** This project will enhance the navigability and ease of travel for individuals in wheelchairs or with otherwise limited mobility, allowing more people to enjoy our beautiful town, including our large population of senior citizens.

I ask you to voice my support HB 2581. Please contact me with any additional questions you may have.

Respectfully Yours,

Your name

Your legal title

Your contact information