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Harrison
LD 1156

Re: Support for LD 1156: An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Promote the Design, Development and Maintenance of Trails for Outdoor Recreation and Active Transportation”

Dear Representative Jessica Fay, and distinguished members of the Committee on Inland Appropriations and Financial Affairs:

I am William A. Turner. I am blessed to have been a resident of Harrison, Maine, for about 35 years and am very privileged to live year round near the East shore of Long Lake. I am a registered Professional Engineer in the Sate of Maine and I am an a very active walker, hiker, bicycle rider, woodland property owner and a person of Faith. Prior to moving to Maine as a permanent resident in 1985, I had enjoyed the privilege of hiking and fishing in Maine for much of my growing up years. You can contact me at btair1@airdiagnostics.com.

As many of you may know, the recreation industry is very important to the people of Maine the vast majority of its visitors. Existing trails have seen a vast increase in use and a need for continued maintenance especially where ATV's are utilized. It is my opinion that the balance of non-motorize and motorized trails is reasonable in the proposed funding legislation. In the past 30 years that I have resided in the state, I have too often seen ATV use destroy and ability to hike or ride bicycles on multi-use trails. The proposed legislation, if implemented and followed, will limit some of the damage that could be done on these trails, or the damage to water quality on adjoining water bodies and streams. I do not see that this proposed legislation will negatively effect the folks enjoying the motorized sports or the business community that they support.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

I encourage you to vote “ought to pass” on LD 1156.

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