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Senator Chipman, Representative Williams, and Members of the Transportation Committee:

My name is Carl King and I am a resident of Portland and a former resident of Falmouth. I am writing to testify in strong support of Rep. Bell's proposed amendment to LD 209, "Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendation of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council."

Having this rail trail through my community would be an incredible resource for me, my family, and my community. My residence at Veranda would give me great access to the trail and the towns north of me. I am an avid cyclist and have been riding the roads of Falmouth, Cumberland, Yarmouth, and Freeport for 20+ years. I ride 3-4 times a week and have seen an increase in road traffic in the past decade and having a safe alternative would be welcomed by cyclists and motorists alike.

The Eastern trail south of Portland is a great example on what a great addition a trail system, like the one proposed, is for the local communities. I hope we can all come together and agree the many benefits of such a trail system would bring for years and generations to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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