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LD 209

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

My name is Gary Goslin and I am a resident of Yarmouth. I'm writing to offer my strong support of the 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."

This trail would be an incredible resource for me and my community. I'm an avid bicyclist and I often bike 20+ miles a day as a way to relax, exercise, and clear my mind, even in the colder months. This trail would allow me to commute to work from Yarmouth to L.L.Bean in Freeport via bicycle, a valuable multi-tasking of exercise and transportation for those of us who work full time, have families, and lots of activities on the schedule. I have two young daughters, and we love to bike places as a family. We would definitely use the trail to go on local adventures on the weekends up to towns north of us to check out local restaurants and businesses, and down to Portland and the connecting trails there.

I recognize that building this trail is a significant financial investment. But it's one that will improve the quality of life of so many residents in the area (and visitors to Maine). Just in the last few years, a sidewalk was built connecting my neighborhood to downtown Yarmouth Village. This sidewalk has made an incredible difference in my life; where my family once exclusively drove to get to games, events, restaurants, the library, town hall, etc., we now regularly walk or bike. My daughter and I bike to her elementary school every day until temperatures dip below freezing and we are back out cycling to school as soon as spring hits. The sidewalk transformed this street. People use it every day to exercise, walk dogs, and get to and from town.

I know that this trail will provide huge benefits to Mainers and be well worth the investment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gary Goslin