

Emily Cartwright
Cumberland
LD 209

My name is Emily Cartwright and I live in Cumberland, ME. I am writing to express my support for the use of the corridor as a trail. I support it for all the reasons you will hear from others about the benefits for recreation and the benefit of commuting. And in my particular situation, I support it also for youth sports. I coach cross country skiing year-round with youth athletes that live locally to this proposed rail trail. You may have seen us on the roads on our rollerskis. We try to ski on dead-end neighborhoods or less-trafficked roads with lower speed limits, but we know it's not fully safe to be training on the roads. Both ourselves and the cars who come across us would like for skiers to be off the roads. I am sure there are other sports who also might use this rail trail with their teams. So another purpose for the proposed trail is for it to be used by youth student-athletes. It would be an excellent improvement to our safety. I am very excited for this potential gem to our area. Thank you for your time and consideration.