

## **Conroy LD 209 Testimony**

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

My name is Kevin Conroy and I am a resident of Cumberland, along with my wife and two young children. 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.

We would be directly impacted by the rail trail as would run through our backyard. We fully support Rep. Bell's proposed amendment as it would have a monumentally positive impact to the surrounding communities. The trail would encourage healthy habits, provide another option for recreational enjoyment, encourage tourism and business and much more.

Without the Transportation Committee's support of Rep. Bell's proposed amendment, the otherwise 'dead space' is left to continue to be wasteful space. Please don't miss this opportunity to create inter-community connections!

Respectfully,  
Kevin Conroy