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My name is Gretchen Greenberg and I live in Portland, Maine. I love to walk, bike, sail, snowshoe and generally enjoy the outdoors. I recently returned from a trip to Washington state to visit two daughters who now live outside Seattle. Washington, like Maine, abounds with outdoor recreational opportunities. Nothing beats the Maine coastline, in my opinion. Washington, however, has got Maine beat when it comes to off road bike/walking trails. I was so happy to be biking on a long bike trail with no worry of cars and trucks. The trails are extensive! I biked a section of the Palouse to Cascade 250 mile trail, and 20 of 32 miles of the Snoqualmie Valley Trail. How I wish I could do that in Maine! Both these aforementioned trails are rail trails - former railroad lines that are no longer use. Why can't we develop these options for Maine? Rail trails offer safe biking and walking experiences for all ages, from young to old folks like me. Please support this legislation that will allow this development to go forward. I may not benefit, but the next generation will.