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

My name is Jeffrey Eckhouse, a resident of North Yarmouth, ME. 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."

I would regularly utilize this trail for my daily commute from North Yarmouth into Portland. It would also be a great local draw for our family to use recreationally with our young son. Lastly, I believe that this sort of development is exactly the type of infrastructure that improves home values and economic activity from tourists traveling to find high quality rail trail options.

Thank you.
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