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

My name is Jennifer Tingle and I am a resident of Portland. My house is a block away from the rail corridor. 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.

My husband Ed Cunningham and I would use the trail to ride to Falmouth to do weekly errands - visit the Falmouth Memorial Library, mail packages at Shaw's, shop at Goodwill etc. We would also take longer rides for fun to visit Cumberland and Yarmouth. It would be a great way to get to the Yarmouth Clam Festival!

As car traffic increases in the area it is important to find safer places to use bicycles for commuting, errands and recreation.

Thank you.  
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