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LD 209

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

My name is Susan Murr and I am a resident of Yarmouth. 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.

The lure of the outdoors is one of Maine's strongest characteristics. By allowing this type of trail, that lure is strengthened and maintained for us, our children, and visitors to Maine who provide an important part of Maine's economy.

Implementing the trail will provide additional environmental protection for generations to come and help ensure that the great outdoors of our state is preserved in a usable way.

Allowing this trail and other trails of this type allows us, our children and visitors additional opportunities to experience the wonderful Maine environment.

The Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Committee has gone through an extensive public vetting process to recommend this trail and their work should be supported by the passage of this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Murr