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LD 209

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

My name is Aura Russell-Bedder. I'm a resident of the East Deering neighborhood in Portland, and serve as a member of the Portland Board of Education. 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 a portion of the city of Portland that is lacking in public recreational spaces.

The prospect of a Casco Bay trail, in the Presumpscot school neighborhood, for families to use for walking to school, and riding bikes for recreation in a safe setting, is so exciting.

Thank you for your consideration.

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