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LD 209

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

My name is Theresa Stevens and I am a resident of Scarborough . 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.

I am an avid cyclist and would use this rail trail to ride my bike on. This rail trail would provide a safe place to cycle without the concerns of motor vehicles.

I currently reside near the Eastern Trail (rail trail) in Scarborough and use this trail at least a couple times a week year round for cycling and walking . During the winter I also use the trail for cross country skiing and riding my fat tire bike . I used this rail trail to ride my bike to my job when I was working in Saco . I am grateful for the safety that this rail trail provides as a dedicated trail with no motor vehicles .

The rail trail from Portland to Auburn could provide similar opportunities for outdoor family activities such as biking, walking, and running , and also a safe means for commuting on a bike to work while enjoying Maine’s great outdoors.

Please support LD 209 and move forward with the implementation of a rail trail from Portland to Auburn.

Thank you.
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