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LD 209

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

My name is Shoshana Hoose and I am a resident of Biddeford. 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 recently moved to Biddeford. That has given me the opportunity to commute by bicycle to my job in Portland at least once a week. My bicycle commute is on the Eastern Trail most of the way. I have the opportunity to see many people of all ages using the trail for exercise, relaxation and to get places. The proposed rail trail from Portland to Auburn would serve the same purpose.

Every summer, my family chooses a vacation destination near a trail where we can bicycle. We have traveled as far as Minnesota because of the excellent trail networks in the Midwest. Extending trails from Kennebunk to Auburn would help Maine attract more bicycle tourism to our state.

I urge you support the trail proposal.  
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