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

My name is Kelley and I am a resident of Bath. 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 a rail trail through these communities would be an incredible resource for Maine.

As a cyclist I have seen first hand how dangerous our roads have become for non-vehicle users. Mainers and visitors alike deserve safer spaces to recreate. Multi-use rail trails provide this opportunity. Additionally, due to the gentle grade and wide nature rail trails this would allow access to the outdoors for many people who otherwise could not access other public trails due to roots, rocks, and other terrain features.

A few weekends ago I visited a section of the Eastern Trail in Scarborough and was delighted to see it full of different trails users and passed multiple packed parking lots. I for one am very excited about the prospect of this new rail trail and I know the people of Maine would utilize it.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this trail,
Kelley