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LD 209

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

My name is Susan Hayhurst, and I am a resident of Falmouth. 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.

My family and I enjoy being active and bike riding, but it's difficult with the busy roads around here. My girls, who are 13 years old, are nervous bike riding on Route one or route 88. Or many other roads in the area. As a result, we don't ride our bikes nearly as much as I would wish. I worked for eight years in the Kennebunk area and I adored the rail trail there, and I kept wishing we could have something like that in our community. Similarly, a rail trail went in near my parents home in Indiana, and they enjoy it and we all bike ride and walk on it when we go home to visit. It seems like such a wonderful use of these old transportation corridor's, that benefits so many different people. You can see older folks walking and bike riding, young kids learning to ride their bikes, and so on. I know that my husband would enjoy commuting on the rail trail, my family would enjoy having outings on it, and we would use it multiple days per week.

This would be such a benefit to our local community and so many communities that it connects. I'm sure property owners right nearby would benefit, but other people could visit as well. I hope this project can happen both for my family and for the community.

Sincerely,
Susan Hayhurst MS DVM