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LD 209

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

My name is Caitlin Patterson and I am a resident of Portland, and a 2x Olympian in cross-country skiing. 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 friends, and my community. Access to recreation and nature is crucial towards keeping all Maine residents and visitors healthy and appreciative of this beautiful state, and a rail trail would be an asset towards improving recreation accessibility.

Thank you.
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