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LD 209

I oppose LD 209. I oppose removing rails to construct trails. I oppose the removal of railroad infrastructure owned by Maine tax payers for a single special interest use. I oppose the destruction of these Maine owned assets that are vital infrastructure assets to address climate change, provide transportation alternatives, and build a alternative more green future.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association since 1981 global temperatures have risen at twice their historic rate per decade.

The Gulf of Me Research Institute reports the Gulf of Maine is warming faster than 99% of the global ocean.

Climate.gov reports the 10 warmest years in the historical record have all occurred since 2010

The polar ice cap has melted in half since 1980.

Scientist globally say we're are in the midst of a 6th Mass Extinction

We should be building public mass transportation alternatives not special interest single use recreational options. Our existing rail infrastructure is critical to addressing climate change and building an alternative freight and passenger transportation future.

The people using these trails will be driving to these location with their bikes on bike racks on their cars. Having a day bike outing, putting their bike back on their car and biking home.

And I oppose taking money from general funds, taking from more critical needs like housing, education, and healthcare, to build these projects.

Thank you very much,
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