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LD 209

Hello,

My name is Nik Bergill and I am a Maine resident writing in support of LD 209, An Act to Authorize an Interim Use Trail on the Berlin Subdivision Rail Corridor. I have lived in both urban and rural settings in Maine, and I have come to realize the vital importance of prioritizing small and/or human-powered transport over cars in scenario.

The creation of a rail trail connecting Portland, Falmouth, Cumberland, Yarmouth, North Yarmouth, Pownal, New Gloucester, and Auburn would not only provide recreation opportunity, it would reduce commuter traffic and incentivize young Mainers to consider investing in communities beyond Portland. Rail trails make lives better, and I hope that you will authorize this unused rail corridor for more human-powered transit.