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LD 209

Support For LD 209 Testimony

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

My name is Gail Witherill and I am a resident of Cumberland. I am writing 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.

As I am nearing my 7th decade, riding my bike on roads is becoming more challenging, with too many inattentive drivers and drivers who drive too fast. Having a near miss with a car was enough to make me realize I am safer if I look for area trails to ride on such as the Eastern Trail. Having the Portland to Auburn trail would be a godsend to folks like me who love to ride bikes but not at the expense of competing with inattentive drivers on the road. Plus I know many people who search out such trails to ride when they are looking at vacationing in an area. The trail would be good for keeping healthy and good for Maine, the vacationland. Please support LD 209.

Thank you.  
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