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Attn: Maine Department of Transportation

RE: LD404: Bill to Allow Trail Until Rail On Mountain Division Line from Standish to Fryeburg

Dear Committee,

We are writing on behalf of the City of Westbrook to express our support of LD404, a bill to allow trail until rail on the Mountain Division Line from Standish to Fryeburg.

Having seen the benefits of the Mountain Division Trail in surrounding municipalities – specifically next door in Windham – we’re excited to be part of the efforts to help expand the trail and hopefully bring the same recreational benefits and opportunities to residents of Westbrook and other communities along the corridor.

In addition to the Western expansion, Westbrook, along with the Town of Windham, recently allocated funds to complete a cost design summary for an approximate five-mile extension from Route 202 to Westbrook.

We’ve recently seen first-hand a dramatic increase in outdoor recreation – walkers, runners, hikers, mountain bikers, and cross-country skiers, and we’re excited about future health and wellness opportunities that this initiative may bring to those seeking similar pursuits.

The resurgence of energy and collective interest among the nine communities on the Mountain Division Corridor is extremely promising for our community, as well as the entire region, and we look forward to seeing advancement of the Alliance goals.

As a community partner of the Mountain Division Alliance, Westbrook shares the mission to help create a continuous 50-mile trail along the Mountain Division Corridor, from Fryeburg to Portland.

Sincerely,

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