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LD 209

Good morning,

My name is Gretchen Bergill and I live in Woolwich and work in Yarmouth. I am writing in support of writing in support of LD 209, An Act to authorize a rail trail on the unused corridor connecting Portland, Falmouth, Cumberland, Yarmouth, North Yarmouth, Pownal, New Gloucester, and Auburn.

As a long time cyclist, I have begun to lose courage riding on busy roads and have begun looking for more off road riding opportunities. Cycling is a great form of exercise and a real community builder. The work the Bicycle Coalition of Maine has done in towns like Bath, such as their silence ride last night - in honor of cyclists killed on public roads - prove that people like biking (safely) and appreciate opportunities to connect with other cyclists.

I believe an expansion of Maine's existing trail system is a great way to get more people out riding safely and a wonderful opportunity for families to get their children on bikes.

I hope that you will support use of this unused rail corridor for more safe cycling.

Respectfully,

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