R. Northe Saunders Portland LD 1750

Dear Honorable Members of the Transportation Committee,

My name is Northe Saunders. I live with my family of 5 in Portland. I strongly support LD 1750 and the interim use of the Berlin Subdivision corridor as a bike and pedestrian trail, as recommended by the Rail Use Advisory Council.

My children are 8, 6, and 3. We are an active family and utilize the existing cycling and pedestrian infrastructure nearly every day, weather permitting. My children learned how to bicycle on the Back Cove trail. The development and use of the corridor will allow for safe exploration and adventure further afield by bicycle, particularly as my children grow older.

Furthermore, I support greater investment in pedestrian and cycling infrastructure. Public investment in these resources has been proven to have many benefits and will continue to help Maine's economy grow and diversify.

I ask for your vote in support of LD 1750.

Respectfully, R. Northe Saunders