Michael Rifkin Greene LD 1750

Thank you members of the Transportation Committee for the opportunity to submit my testimony regarding LD 1750.

I live in Greene, am a retired Family Physician and an avid bicycle rider.

I strongly support the interim use of the Berlin Subdivision corridor as a bike and pedestrian trail, as recommended by the Rail Use Advisory Council.

Increasing opportunities for Maine people to ride bikes and walk in safe environments contributes to our physical and mental health and well being. Recreational opportunities, like what rail trails offer, contribute to positive economic development and an improved sense of community.

Thank you for supporting the RUAC reccomendations.