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LD 29

My Name is David Mention. I have been a resident of Bowdoinham since 1987. I am writing in support of LD 29, the Merrymeeting trail.

As an active walker and cyclist I know that rail trails provide local options for healthy exercise. I have driven to other states to cycle on their rail trails, and local businesses along those paths report that business is better because of the rail trail.

I believe that the Merrymeeting trail will be good for my town, Bowdoinham. It will bring healthy visitors who patronize local businesses. It will enhance property values as rail trails have done elsewhere. It will provide a safe area for local citizens, from our school kids to retirees, to walk, ride bikes, and explore.

I'm looking forward to being able to ride from my house to the trail, and then ride north to Augusta or south to Brunswick. I know this trail will enhance the quality of life we enjoy in Bowdoinham.

Thank you for your consideration. I strongly urge you to vote "ought to pass" on this important legislation.

Thank you