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LD 511

Hello, My name is Robert Belanger, I live in Mechanic Falls. I would like to urge the Transportation Committee to vote in support of LD 511. In an environment with Budget shortfalls of nearly a half billion and increased taxes to support new arrivals, I can honestly say, I see very little return for the tax money that is spent as it seems to not go to the actual residents. What brings tourism to Maine is not energy corridors slicing our views, It's not windmills that pollute our ocean views and harm whales, it's not an ugly solar farm that increases the cost burden for Mainers while our neighboring State see's a rate reduction. Of all the Departments in Maine that benefit Mainers, two stand out as actually having our Residents best interest at heart. It is Transportation and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Nothing says Maine like these two departments. While I fume over the waste in Augusta, I can tell you that a Rail Corridor for cyclists would be a real benefit. It would get more people off our busy roads, improving health and lifestyles, showcasing our state in a safe way and seeing a genuine return on our dollars. This makes LD511 a net positive and more of an investment than an expense. Please vote in Support of this bill and in support of Mainers. Thank you.