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LD 511

Hello, I moved to Cumberland Maine this year after a decade of living in East Providence, RI. One of the things my family searched for when looking for a home in Maine was proximity to a bike path. In East Providence we lived adjacent to a 13 mile rail trail, "The East Bay Bike Path". This path was a vital part of the community . It was widely used for transportation, exercise and as well as family bonding. My husband was able to use that trail to commute daily to work, both my sons learned to ride their pedal bikes and I frequently pushed the stroller along to enjoy nature while my babies napped. We frequently met others with a shared interest while we were out. Over time, ice cream shops and playgrounds were connected to the trail. If you ever have the chance, I urge you to visit that trail in the summertime to ride along the bay, it is wonderful. I urge the Transportation Committee to vote in support of LD 511. Please vote "ought to pass". The idea of having a trail system developed in our new community is very exciting as we have seen all the benefits it can have. Thank you