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LD 511

My family - my wife, two sons, and I - reside in Falmouth, and we urge the Transportation Committee to vote in support of LD 511. An interim trail from Portland to Auburn would improve public health, protect the environment, connect to public transit, and provide options for people who don't drive, or simply want to drive less.

When my wife and I first met, we were living in Chicago and the Lakefront Path there - a pedestrian and cycling path - was an amazing resource that was used year round (and Chicago winters are worse than ours!). At the time we met, neither of us had a car and we used the path to get 18 miles across the city. The path was used regularly by commuters, tourists, and families and I could see this path being much the same. We live on Middle Road in Falmouth, an incredibly busy and dangerous street connecting Yarmouth, Cumberland, and Falmouth to Portland. Having a path along this rail line would take an asset that is not being used for anything now and turn it into a tremendous asset for hundreds of thousands of residents and visitors that live, work or visit in the area.

Please vote "ought to pass."