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LD 29

Hello! My name is Nan Cumming and I am writing in support of LD29. I moved to the town of Richmond in 2021. I support the Merrymeeting Trail based on my experience with similar trail networks in Southern Maine. With its beautiful location on the Kennebec River and access to Swan Island, Richmond has the potential to offer greater recreational experiences to local residents and even become a mecca of outdoor activity in the Mid-Coast.

A multi-use trail would offer Richmond residents healthy physical recreation close to home—without having to drive to Gardiner or Brunswick to use their trail systems. With obesity rates continuing to rise in Maine, the exercise that doctors recommend to their patients most often is simple walking. Yet it's not that easy in a community with few sidewalks or longer distance trails.

The Merrymeeting Trail makes good sense for the health of Richmond citizens and the economic base of our town.

Please accept my thanks for all the hard work you do—and please vote “Ought to Pass” on LD 29!