Patti Mikkelsen New Gloucester LD 511

I encourage the Transportation Committee to vote in support of LD 511.

I have been a New Gloucester resident for 24 years and have observed countless unsafe situations involving motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians trying to share narrow, hilly, serpentine roads hindered by inadequate sight distances.

I wholeheartedly support the Casco Bay Trail Alliance and their efforts to construct a 72-mile off-road trail loop connecting Portland, Lewiston-Auburn, Brunswick and Freeport. Hikers and bikers could enjoy their outdoor activities in a safe environment while leaving roads free for motorists to arrive safely at their destinations without the challenge of evading obstacles along the way.

Please vote "ought to pass."