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LD 511

I own a touring focused bicycle shop in Saco, Maine and everyday I see the positive impacts and dollars generated by people who come to Saco from outside of Maine to ride the Eastern Trail. These are dollars which are spent in the local area for services, food and lodging that would not have been captured by our local businesses if the Eastern Trail did not exist. The proposed Casco Bay Trail (LD 511) will undoubtedly bring in similar economic value to the communities that the trail passes through and to the State of Maine as a whole. Bicycle tourism is a large and growing industry and the creation of new trail corridors in the State will not only make living and recreating here more enjoyable, but will bring in much needed dollars to the local communities and businesses in which it passes. With that in mind, I urge the Transportation Committee to vote in support of LD 511. Even Please support my fellow local businesses by voting "ought to pass." Thank you for your time and consideration.