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I am writing to voice my support of the proposed Merrymeeting Trail. As a bicycle shop owner in Brunswick, customers and tourists are always asking about safe places to ride their bikes. Like most communities, we have lots of families here. So finding places where parents can ride with their children is in high demand. Also, we have a large senior community. And they too are looking for safe places to ride. With the popularity of e-bikes, a lot of older customers who haven't ridden in years are getting back into cycling. For those people, a 10 mile ride to Bowdoinham is now easily within their range. Not to mention the huge benefit to the communities along the trail. Both Bowdoinham and Richmond have beautiful parks right on the river that would be destinations for users from both ends of the trail. I urge the committee to support this project. Thank You.