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LD 29

I am writing in support of LD 29. I ride the Kennebec River Trail from Augusta to Gardiner several times a week from Spring when the trail is rideable due to no snow, until Fall when it is closed by snow. An extension to Topsham would substantially increase my riding pleasure. One can get to Topsham, but riding on roads is not safe. I ride the trail for pleasure and also it is good cardio conditioning for an 85 year old guy. Younger riders could use the trail as transportation to work.

I use the trail for conditioning to get in shape to ride the Trek Across Maine, the Lighthouse Ride, and the Dempsey Rides.

I have seen many families out riding, mom and/or Dad and several youngsters on bikes.

A ride of this length, starting in Augusta, would need a couple of eating establishments along the way.

Thank you for considering this bill, and please vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 29.