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Transportation Committee members,

My name is Adele Morgan. My husband, Michael Curran, and I live at 353 Front Street in Richmond. We are writing in support of LD 29.

As residents of Richmond, we are so excited about a possible trail running through Richmond, connecting us with Gardiner to the north and Bowdoinham and Brunswick to the south. It would bring clear benefits for Richmond residents and businesses.

We walk in town and drive to short hikes in the area, but it would be fantastic to walk, bike and ski two blocks from home. Here are some of the other benefits:

- Walking on a trail would be safer than walking on icy streets and sidewalks. I reduce my walking in the winter months. It would be safer for families as well.
- Having a beautiful trail extending out from the village, through the trees, would be spectacular! I'd love to bike from Gardiner to Bowdoinham!
- Having affordable options for exercise benefits everyone. I can see the trail being a place for future community and school events. It would open up so many recreational opportunities.
- Introducing people to all Richmond businesses would have long term benefits. Bikers and walkers from outside of town could take a break at Kimberly's, the Dairy Treat, The Old Goat, Annabella's, and other businesses. Increased seasonal foot traffic could inspire new business openings.
- In the warmer weather, people enjoying the trail can expand their experience down to the beautiful Richmond waterfront and possibly Swan Island.

In short, the trail could be a recreational gem and economic development engine.

Thank you for your time. Please vote in favor of the trail, LD 29.

Gratefully,

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