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My wife Mary Schendel and I are long-time residents of Cumberland, avid bicyclists, and have ridden on bicycle and multi-use trails in Maine, the U.S. and around the world. We have been actively involved in promoting the Casco Bay Trail, particularly the 2.6 mile segment running through the Town of Cumberland. Cumberland is home to numerous Trail supporters, many of whom have signed the petition in support of LD 511. They see the Trail as a valuable regional resource and want Cumberland to be part of it. Obviously, the Trail will also be a regional asset, similar to the Eastern Trail, with which it will potentially connect. The prospect of a trail running from Kittery to Auburn, which once seemed like a pipe dream, is overdue but is now within reach, and we urge this Committee and the Legislature to take the next step and support LD 511.