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LD 511

Dear Members of the Transportation Committee,

Please accept this brief testimony in support of LD 511. I have lived near the Portland to Auburn rail corridor since 1990. I enjoy walking, biking, cross country skiing and trail running, all of which I would do on the Portland to Auburn corridor, if it is converted for recreation. Walking and biking along public roads has become increasingly dangerous, with cars driving by at high speeds, not pulling over, and not even stopping when I am in the middle of a cross walk. I have been hit by a car on my bike.

Increasingly, people like me are looking for safe places to recreate and are willing to travel to places where rail trails have been converted for biking. For example, I have biked rail trails in Vermont and on PEI. Please support this bill to provide this opportunity at home.

Thank you,
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