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LD 29

I am writing to support the LD 29. I live in Topsham and do not feel safe riding to Brunswick over the current routes and do not have a way to safely get to Bowdoinham. I have a one year old and we are eager to teach him how to ride and that cars are not the only way to get around. We would value having Topsham more connected to other communities. It would keep us living in the Midcoast if active living was prioritized. Additionally, I work in Augusta and would love to be able to bike to work. Currently I drive to Gardiner, park at Hannaford and ride my bike the last section of the rail trail. It would be incredible to take the car completely out of the equation and bike instead. This would be a long ride but if I had the infrastructure I would invest in an e-bike and ride that way. It would be healthier for me, healthier for the environment to take the car out of that trip, and would remove cars from an increasingly busy 295. Please make this happen for me, my son, and my community.