

Steven Blanc  
West Gardiner  
LD 29

Dear Members of the Transportation Committee,

My name is Steven Blanc from West Gardiner, and I am writing to express my strong support for LD 29, Resolve, to Require the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Lower Road Rail Use Advisory Council.

As a resident of West Gardiner, the President of the Maine Trail Rider's Association in Litchfield, and an employee of Bowdoin College, I believe this trail will provide an incredible opportunity for horseback riders. The proposed trail between Topsham and Gardiner will offer a long stretch of solid footing, which is especially beneficial for trail riders, endurance riders, and driving horses under harness. Currently, public trails open to horses are limited, and this new trail would create a much-needed opportunity for our community.

Moreover, the multi-use intentions of the trail will provide a wide variety of recreational opportunities for other activities in the area, enhancing the overall quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

I want to thank the committee members for considering this important bill and urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 29.

Sincerely,  
Steven Blanc