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To the transportation committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for implementation of the recommendations of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council.

I believe this represents an incredible opportunity to enhance the lives of people in Maine. Our built infrastructure does not provide a lot of opportunity for meaningful and safe outdoor activity and a multi use trail, extending through the communities of our area, would create a tremendous asset. I believe this would enhance the ability of individuals to commute among the communities. It would certainly provide a safe alternative to the roads for walking and bicycling. As a physician, I am frequently recommending outdoor activity for my patients, and I believe this would provide a welcome addition to options in the area.

This would enhance our communities. It would enhance our lives. For those "from away", I believe it would make this part of the state an even more desirable place to visit.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope you will support this opportunity.

Stephen Hayes