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LD 29

I am a resident of Augusta and an ardent supporter of LD 29. I am a regular cyclist of the Kennebec River Rail Trail and bicycle tourist. Due to the lack of cycling infrastructure in Maine, I have had to plan and take cycling trips out of state. I would be overjoyed to ride out of my driveway and connect dozens of Maine towns by trail. Bicycle tourism is a rapidly growing industry and a viable option to replace the lost economic activity from snowmobiles as our winters in Maine continue to warm. The Merrymeeting Trail is but one segment in a larger network and with an investment in our trail infrastructure today we can position Maine as a leader in this burgeoning industry for decades to come.

I urge the committee to vote "Ought to pass" on LD 29.