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To The Transportation Committee:

I am so upset about the rail proposal that this committee is reviewing. I am an avid outdoors person that loves to hike, camp, sail, and ski to name a few. My property abuts the train tracks on Middle Road in Falmouth, which I love. I can easily see the tracks from the house, but not as much as people further down Middle Road whose houses are extremely close to the tracks.

I love the idea of trails and connections, but not at the expense of one group of people. The trails will impact our privacy, lower our property value, and increase the sense of vulnerability many of us will have sandwiched between two public accesses, the road and the trails. I'm not sure how many people this proposal will benefit with trail access, but how does that compare with the hundreds of people that this trail will hurt?

I would also like to say that the small group of people that has been pushing this trail have done so without transparency, without contacting land owners and staging meetings during the day when many people work. In general, it has been very poorly executed with the intention of keeping people in the dark and pushing through their agenda.

Please consider the people who bought houses without knowing that there might be a trail running by their backyards someday. This is unjust and a terrible thing for those of us that it affects. Do not pass this trail bill!

Sincerely,

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