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LD 511

I live in Falmouth and work as a Family Physician at Martin's Point in Portland, and I urge the Transportation Committee to vote in support of LD 511. An interim trail from Portland to Auburn would improve public health, protect the environment, connect to public transit, and provide options for people who don't drive, or simply want to drive less.

Too many of my patients tell me they do not feel safe riding on the streets in and around Portland. I live on Middle Road in Falmouth, which has no sidewalks or bike lanes. a rail trail would be perfect in our neighborhood for recreation, exercise and commuting. Tragically, cyclists and pedestrians encounters between cars often lead to severe injury or death. So far this year we have seen six pedestrian fatalities.

Speaking for the more than 2,000 patients I care for, please vote "ought to pass."