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I strongly support the passage of LD511 and LD30. I have traveled around the country bike touring, most recently to South Dakota in October 2024 to ride the Mickelson rail trail.

Maine really needs to invest in these extraordinary outdoor recreation infrastructures, for the betterment of the health of our local citizenry, to improve outdoor low cost recreational opportunities, and for the powerful economic benefits that accrue to the states that do so. One need only to look at the Greater Allegheny Passage, Chesapeake and Ohio Towpath, the Mickelson Trail, the Ohio to Erie Trail, and many more in the US that draw bike tourists to these areas to see the strong economic activity created by these trails and the private investment and infrastructure that springs up to serve these communities.