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The age of rail in Bowdoinham and Richmond was a golden one. As a rail enthusiast, for several decades now I have waited and hoped for train service to come back to Bowdoinham and Richmond. It has not come. Instead, our rail line is a wasted asset and it continues to be neglected and to deteriorate further.

In the meantime, more and more wealthy owners are moving into Kennebec waterfront homes next to this crucial public asset. Sadly, many of them will now oppose ANY use of this property.

We can wait no longer. We can use this public asset, or lose it.

Please let this important and historic public asset remain public. Let's use it. Let's build a trail-until-rail. Let's pass LD 29, as well as LD 30, into law. As you heard from smarter people than me today, these bills will create incredible opportunities for active, healthy, environmentally friendly transportation and recreation.

Thank you for your service to our state, and let's put the lower road back into service for all of us too as a trail-until-rail.