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LD 676

My name is Donald Martin. I live in the town of Amherst, in Hancock County and am writing this in opposition of LD 676. I am against the removal of the Mountain Division Railroad Line. Removing this section of track, and any track, during this time when businesses are turning back to rail as a viable alternative to trucks, and passenger use is climbing. removing track will cut western Maine off from ever having a rail connection again. And at this time, there is a viable railroad, the Conway Scenic Railroad, that has expressed interest in making use of the mountain Division in Maine. They already use a section of it in New Hampshire. Under the Railroad Preservation Act, any non-railroad use is considered interim until a railroad steps up and expresses their interest, which the Conway Scenic Railroad has done. Now they need to be allowed to state their plans before any changes to the Mountain Division are made. Thank you for your time and consideration on this issue. I hope you will vote "Ought not to Pass" on LD 676. Thank you again.