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LD 956

Perfect! Here's your testimony updated to reflect those specific and powerful reasons for supporting LD 956:

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Testimony in Support of LD 956 – “Ought to Pass”
To the Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Colleen Brown, and I live in Whiting, Maine. I'm writing in strong support of LD 956 and urge the committee to vote “Ought to Pass.”

Expanding access along the Down East Sunrise Trail, particularly through Calais, is a meaningful opportunity to bring economic growth to our region. By providing additional destinations along the trail, LD 956 will attract more visitors and recreational users—ultimately generating more revenue for local businesses, from gas stations and restaurants to lodging and retail.

Recreational trail use—whether it be ATV riding, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, or hiking—is growing in popularity across all age groups. It offers families and individuals a way to come together for outdoor adventure, stay active, and explore the beauty of Maine year-round.

Moreover, this bill supports access to some of the most scenic and untouched parts of our state—areas that, in many cases, are only reachable by rail bed. Protecting and enhancing access to these areas not only supports tourism but preserves the Maine outdoor experience for future generations.

LD 956 is a smart investment in both the economy and the quality of life for those of us who live, work, and recreate in Washington County and beyond. I urge you to support this bill and vote “Ought to Pass.”

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Colleen L Brown
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