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LD 676

Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

My name is Anthony Hubert, I live in Windham, Maine, and I am an avid user of the Mountain Division Trail.

I support LD 676 because:

In 2021, Maine DOT's Rail Use Advisory Council (RUAC) voted 11:1 for the conversion of 31 miles of existing railroad track to an interim trail-until-rail.

In July of 2023, LD 404 codified into law the recommendations of the RUAC

Over 200 people offered testimony in support of LD 404 Letters of support for LD404

LD 676 will allow MDOT to spend federal grant funding on building the trail from Fryeburg to Standish, thereby bringing substantial economic development opportunities to this rural area

Maine is lacking in this type of recreational venue as compared to other states

I thank committee members for their consideration and urge them to vote: "Ought to Pass"

Thank you.