

**132 Legislature  
Transportation Committee  
Testimony on LD Now LD 676, an act to fund the recommendations of  
the Mountain Division RUAC**

**from Jon Kachmar, Exec. Dir, Portland Trails—April 2, 2025**

Sen. Nangle and Rep. Crafts and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation:

- Portland Trails along with partners has built and maintains 100 miles of trails in Portland, Westbrook, Falmouth and S. Portland.
- We strongly support the funding, building and eventually the maintenance of the Mountain Division Trail, which will connect Portland to Fryeburg as well as all the communities in between.
- The Mountain Division Trail is an opportunity to create not only a recreational trail but also a transportation route that will allow for car-free travel between Portland and Western Maine, particularly in light of the availability of e-bikes that have greatly extended viable commuting distances.
- Portland Trails is working with the City of Portland and other partners to create a “Trail Hub” in Portland that will connect the Mountain Division, Casco Bay, and Eastern Trails.
- In addition to access to the trail, more rural communities will be offered considerable economic development opportunities as it relates to food, lodging, and other services for runners, hikers and bicycles including local, regional and national markets.
- Please vote “Ought to Pass” on LD 767

Thank you,

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