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LD 676

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

My name is Ksenia Egan, I live in Brownfield, and I am huge supporter of the trail-until-rail project ever since I heard about it years ago. I moved to Brownfield only a year ago, but see the immediate need for this project not only in Brownfield, but the surrounding towns.

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 and letters in support of LD 404.

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.

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

Thank you.