Tony Barrett Harpswell LD 676

My name is Tony Barrett, Harpswell, Maine and I am in favor of LD 676, the removal of the existing rail along the Mountain Division rail corridor between Fryeburg and Standish and implementation of a multi-use trail. I have walked and ridden a bicycle on the existing short sections of rail-with-trail in Fryeburg and in Windham on multiple occasions. This facility is a wonderful recreational asset and the 31-mile gap should be completed so that this trail will be a destination Mainers and visitors. The recommended option for conversion is the most cost effective while still retaining the use of the corridor for future rail use. I thank you, the transportation committee members, for your work and urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 956.