

Sherry Foster Ld 860 bill

Senator Chipman, representative Williams, and members of the transportation committee

My name is Sherry Foster and I am a Bangor resident

Hi everyone, I appreciate your time and thank you for listening to what my peers and I have to say about the railroad bill. Today I'm here to express my strong support for this railroad bill, which will build railway systems from Bangor to portland. This railroad system has many benefits such as that it requires less fuel and puts out less emissions than the many cars that go daily from Bangor to portland. This more eco-friendly method of travel can also promote social equity since having and/or affording your own car and being able to transport yourself to where you need to go is oftentimes a privilege that many don't have, therefore this railway system will be able to reach and benefit those who don't have that privilege. This would ensure that everyone has an opportunity to get from Bangor to Portland and vice versa safely and timely. This railway will also create job opportunities and economic growth for many Maine residents not only during the construction process but also after, in which there will need to be people employed to run, manage, and maintain the railway. The railway will also open up so many more opportunities other than job opportunities, they will provide access and create a strong sense of community connecting people and families from all over the state stretching from Bangor to Portland. Which is something I think the world and specifically Maine could use especially right now. Thank you for listening and for your time and consideration.

Are there any questions