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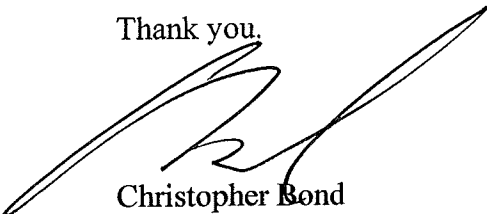
Senator Chipman, Representative Williams, and Members of the Transportation Committee:

My name is Christopher Bond and I am a resident of Cape Elizabeth. I am here to testify in strong support of Rep. Bell's proposed amendment to LD 209, "Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendation of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council."

Having this rail trail between Portland and Auburn would be an incredible resource for me, my family, and my community.

My wife and I use rail corridors frequently for walking and bicycle riding. I am convinced that I am a healthier and happier person as a direct result of the safe outdoor exercise opportunities that come from our community's investment in former rail trails here in the greater Portland area and throughout Maine. When I am using trails, I also see firsthand the family and community building benefits that others enjoy while walking and riding repurposed abandoned train track corridors. For what we receive, this investment in safe outdoor activities is invaluable to me and my family and thousands of others throughout our state. Accordingly, I strongly urge the Transportation Committee to recommend passage of LD 209.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Christopher Bond', written over a printed name.

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