John Cloran Portland, ME LD 676

My name is Johnn Cloran and I am a Portland ME. resident. I also purchased land in Brownfield, ME. so I could have ready access to the proposed rail trail.

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 in support of LD 404 Letters of support for LD404
- 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