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My name is Abigail Lopez. I live with my family in Richmond, Maine. I am writing today in support of bill LD 976 to restore accessible public transportation to Swan Island.

My family and I have lived in Richmond for over 10 years. Each time I get off 295 I see the sign for Swan Island and think, this is the year that we will visit. Sadly, we have yet to get there but it is a local destination that is a treasure to the community and one that I hope we will be able to visit soon.

There is not much that brings people into Richmond. Richmond is a quiet, small town, like so many other Maine towns with hidden gems. Swan Island was one of those gems that could reach visitors far and wide. I have many friends that would make Swan Island a destination to explore the natural beauty and history of the island. Thus in turn bringing important outside funding into the local economy.

As a member of the Richmond community, I hope that the public ferry service would be reinstated so that we would be able to enjoy and protect the natural and historical heritage of this island.

Thank you for taking the time today to consider this bill