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**Testimony for LD 1370
An Act To Establish Trail until Rail Corridors**

Good afternoon Senator Diamond, Representative Martin, and members of the Committee on Transportation. This testimony is on behalf of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine.

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine is the statewide organization that advocates for bicyclists and pedestrians. We work to make Maine better for bicycling and walking, and to protect the safety and rights of vulnerable users of the public ways.

LD1370 is a bill that designates four rail corridors that are owned by the state and have been unused for decades for use as “trail until rail corridors.” Authorizing interim use of these corridors as multi-use trails would allow use of these resources and would be beneficial to communities for active transportation and recreation.

The Bicycle Coalition supports an efficient and consistent public process for making either rails or trails. If the committee thinks that this bill would get such a process up and running, we support the implementation of the bill’s procedure.

Thank you for your time and service to the people of Maine.

Sincerely,

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