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To: Senator Chipman, Representative Williams, and Honorable members of the committee

From: Ian Doherty

Re: Testimony in Support of Resolve, to Promote Passenger Rail for Commuters, LD 1170

My name is Ian Doherty and I live/go to school in Falmouth and attend Falmouth High School.

I am writing as a student and concerned citizen to urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD 1170.

Out of all the important things that this bill will help do, one of the most crucial is that it will initiate a study to investigate upgrading an outdated and old rail system. This will work hand in hand with helping to make our rail system not only become more attractive and useful to commuters and all Maine citizens but will be a huge step in understanding the real consequences and issues regarding sustainability in terms of our rail systems. Furthermore, if we pass this bill it not only will allow us as a state to work on improving and upgrading our rail system but will also help us understand our rail system's impact on the state's overall carbon emissions. This could even be used to help solve problems with other forms of transportation and will serve as an example for both Maine citizens and other states can follow. As a young person going into an ever-changing world thanks to climate change, among other issues, having a functioning and sustainable rail system is very important. Not only will it help to understand and solve carbon emission problems, but it will also help people of all locks of life to travel by rail and will cater to the greater Maine Community.

Respectfully submitted,
Ian Doherty