



TOWN OF HIRAM

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March 16th, 2023

Transportation Committee
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Members of the Transportation Committee,

We are writing on behalf of the Town of Hiram in support of LD 404: Resolve, To Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council.

Hiram benefits from having a portion of the Mountain Division Rail Trail in its community and the connectivity potential to other surrounding communities is an exciting prospect for us collectively.

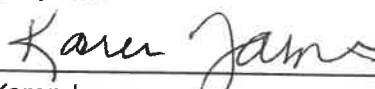
From a perspective of both healthy living and economic development, considering the feasibility of constructing a trail along all portions of the Mountain Division Rail Line has the necessary momentum it needs to move forward. While hiking and biking on trails has become wildly popular during the pandemic, the section of the trail between Baldwin and Brownfield/Fryeburg has a long-standing history of offering an outstanding outdoor recreation destination for people of all ages.

The reinvigorated efforts of the Mountain Division Alliance and collective interest of the nine communities on the corridor is a positive direction for the project and we are excited to see its continued progress.

Sincerely,


Eric Durgin, Chairman


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To Whom it May Concern,

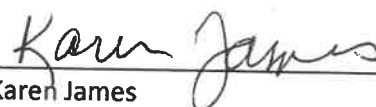
Extending the Mountain Division Trail would allow our residents and taxpayers to enjoy more of our beautiful outdoors. It would also serve as an attraction for visitors, which would help support our local economy and businesses in addition to use of the Saco River Access and Mt. Cutler Hiking Trails.

The Municipal Officers are in support of extending the Mountain Division Trail through the Town of Hiram ME.

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