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Hello members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation,

My name is Patrick Gere and I live two miles from the proposed Mountain Division rail trail in Standish. I strongly support the conversion of the aged rail line infrastructure to a public trail system. You must consider the location of the rail line to the public drinking water source for 11 communities when discussing this bill. The recent headlines of train derailments and associated hazardous waste spills provides substantial risk to reactivating the line. The best use for the Mountain Division Trail is a public way that will provide civic space for community members to interact and will not impact the water quality for the Greater Portland area.

I urge you to pass this bill.

Thank you,  
Patrick Gere