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LD 209

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Senator Chipman, Representative Williams, and Members of the Transportation Committee:

My name is Dana Riker and I am a resident of Yarmouth. I am writing to testify in strong support of Rep. Bell's proposed amendment to LD 209, "Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendation of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council."

Having this rail trail through my community would be an incredible resource for me, my family, and my community.

My spouse and I are avid runners and cyclists and are in strong support of creation of the trail so that we can run and bike safely on the beauty of a dedicated trail, away from motor vehicles. We also have two young children who live to ride their bicycles, and I feel our whole family would frequent this trail almost daily if it is approved and constructed.

My husband and I also both work in Portland and would consider commuting by bicycle during warmer weather months should the trail be approved and constructed.

My sister-in-law coaches the Yarmouth High School Nordic Ski team, who would benefit from a trail such as this directly in our community for running and roller skiing when snow is not available for their training.

The approval and creation of this trail would be an incredible asset to our community. Please strongly consider supporting bill LD 209.

Thank you.
Dana Riker