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LD 209

Dear Legislators,

I am a resident of Portland and an avid bicycle rider. I am writing to support LD209 as the implementation of this off road trail would transform our daily cycling experience....making it much safer for all involved. In the biking season I regularly take my life in my hands navigating the roads north of Portland towards Yarmouth and Freeport. The roads are very dangerous for cyclists despite the awareness raising about keeping cyclists safe. The roads we all ride on are busy and drivers are very impatient. I can't count the number of close calls I and my cycling friends have experienced. I believe this trail will increase cycling for all levels of skill and be a tremendous asset for the local community. Please don't allow this fabulous opportunity to slip by.