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LD 511

Dear Transportation Committee, I live in greater Portland and strongly urge committee members to vote in favor of LD 511 for the following reasons:

1. Strong positive economic impact for all communities along the path from Portland to Auburn. These positive financial benefits/impacts have been proven by studies of impacts of the Eastern Trail from South Portland to Kennebunk, and many others throughout New England and the U.S.
2. Reduce car trips and tailpipe exhaust/pollution. More than 50% of Maine's air pollution comes from tailpipe exhaust; this trail will materially reduce pollution by enabling people to commute via bike and provide alternative transportation options to people who don't want to drive.
3. Improve public health by reducing pollution and by encouraging people to exercise by walking, biking, roller-blading, etc.

Please vote "ought to pass" on LD 511. Thank you!