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LD 511

Dear Members of the Transportation Committee,

My name is Kyle Rancourt and I am the founder of Pinebury, a Maine-based cycling apparel brand focused on sustainable, high-quality merino wool gear. I am writing in strong support of LD 511, which would authorize the Casco Bay Trail from Portland to Auburn.

As a business rooted in adventure cycling and outdoor recreation, Pinebury thrives on Maine's growing cycling culture. A dedicated, traffic-separated trail connecting Portland and Auburn would be a game-changer—not only for the cycling community but also for businesses like mine that cater to cyclists, outdoor enthusiasts, and active commuters. Safe, well-planned trails encourage more people to ride, boosting the demand for high-quality cycling gear and strengthening local businesses that support outdoor recreation.

Beyond the economic benefits, the Casco Bay Trail would provide a significant public benefit by promoting sustainable transportation, healthy lifestyles, and outdoor access for people of all ages and abilities. Maine has an opportunity to lead in creating world-class cycling infrastructure, which attracts both residents and visitors who appreciate the state's natural beauty.

I urge you to support LD 511 and help bring this vision to life. Thank you for your time and consideration.