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My family and I would love the opportunity to use the rail system to travel both within and beyond the State of Maine. The ability to take a day trip or weekend excursion without the need to drive would provide a wonderful alternative for residents and visitors alike. While flights from Bangor are appreciated, a rail option would offer a more affordable, accessible, and environmentally friendly transportation choice.

If the goal is to reduce road congestion, maintenance costs, and traffic-related accidents, investing in rail expansion—such as a connection between Portland and Orono—would be a meaningful step forward for Maine. Additionally, exploring rail service improvements could help identify other key routes that would enhance access to sought-after destinations like Acadia, Baxter State Park, Northern Maine, and Western Maine.

Expanding rail service would not only benefit residents by providing safe and reliable travel options, but it would also support tourism and economic growth in our state. I strongly encourage support for LD 487 and appreciate your efforts in considering this important initiative.