Sierra Jangard Waterville LD 487

Hello, my name is Sierra Jangard and I live in Waterville. I'm writing to this committee to express my support for LD 487. Waterville is the most urban place I have lived in my adult life, being able to walk or bike to basic life conveniences is a major benefit. Having a very accessible town has made such a positive impact on my life because I don't need to rely on a vehicle to concur basic life needs. Adding a passenger train into the mix would allow me to get down to Portland for easy access to the jetport, explore other local places I may not travel to, and attend different entertainment venues without having to rely on a vehicle to get me there. It would also mean being able to see a UMaine hockey game without having to sit in traffic. Opening a local network of passenger trains would also connect us to more east coast cities like Boston, New York and Philly making it so much easier and appealing to visit family. Travel by train is not only more fun than driving, but also safer and better for the environment. I strongly believe that passenger trains in Maine would be highly used and move the state's transportation network in the right direction. I would be so excited to have access to a passenger train in Waterville. Thank you for reading!