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LD 676

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Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing
Committee on Transportation

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My name is Howard Carr, I live in Cornish, and I Use the MDT in Fryeburg quite often. I support LD 676 because:

- In 2021, Maine DOT's Rail Use Advisory Council (RUAC) voted 11:1 for the conversion of 31 miles of existing railroad track to an interim trail-until-rail.
- In July of 2023, LD 404 codified into law the recommendations of the RUAC
- Over 200 people offered testimony in support of LD 404 Letters of support for LD404
- LD 676 will allow MDOT to spend federal grant funding on building the trail from Fryeburg to Standish, thereby bringing substantial economic development opportunities to this rural area

I thank committee members for their consideration and urge them to vote: "Ought to Pass"

Thank you.
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