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LD 676

Hello, I am Nicholas Colli resident of Weston Massachusetts and Part time resident of Portland Maine. I am writing to oppose LD 676, I am against this portion of the bill and the effort to remove the trackage of the mountain division. I believe that it is important to keep these tracks since they are an important link from Portland Maine to parts of western Maine to the rest of northern New England. By removing the rails it destroys any chance of economic growth in the region whether that be from tourism or freight. It is also part of the areas history and should be preserved as such. To add on the Conway scenic railroad has shown interest in Using the lines for operation in both passenger and freight, which could economically help the states and people on the line with better goods distribution or with better connections to other areas. To add on according to the rail preservation act any non rail use of a line would be treated as an intern until a railroad presents itself like with how the Conway scenic is doing. Overall the preservation of this line would benefit Community's that where originally built off of the line. Help economic growth in the regions. By preserving the mountain division we would bring New England closer together and help reconnect the people and history of our states. I ask for you to not let LD 676 pass. Thank you for your time.