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LD 676

Hello Transportation Committee,

I am Lisa Saffer, a resident of Brownfield ME. I'm writing to urge you to vote to establish a state account for funding for the Mountain Division Trail (LD676).

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 and letters in support of LD 404.

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.

We in Brownfield are very excited about this project and we will definitely use it.

Thank you,

Lisa Saffer