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LD 676

Dear Members of the Transportation Committee,

My name is Lauren Slivinsky, and I am a resident of Standish, a mother of two, and the founder of Lake Region Kids Calendar, a resource dedicated to connecting families with outdoor activities in our community. I am writing in strong support of LD 676, which would fund the recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council and ensure the continued development and maintenance of the Mountain Division Trail.

As a parent and an advocate for getting kids outdoors, I know firsthand how important it is for families to have safe, accessible spaces where children can be active, explore nature, and build lifelong healthy habits. The Mountain Division Trail provides exactly that—a place where families can walk, bike, run, and enjoy the beauty of Maine in all seasons.

In today's world, where children are spending more time indoors and on screens, trails like this offer an essential opportunity for them to connect with nature, get fresh air, and be physically active year-round. Whether it's biking in the summer, walking on crisp fall mornings, or snowshoeing in winter, this trail supports outdoor recreation for all ages and abilities.

Investing in the Mountain Division Trail is an investment in the well-being of Maine families. It encourages healthy lifestyles, strengthens our local communities, and provides a safe, car-free environment for kids to explore. Additionally, it supports local businesses by attracting outdoor enthusiasts to the region.

I urge you to support LD 676 and help ensure that this incredible resource remains accessible, maintained, and expanded for future generations. Thank you for your time and your commitment to Maine's outdoor spaces.

Sincerely,
Lauren Slivinsky