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LD 676

Testimony regarding LD676

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

My name is Catherine Wolfe and I own a home in Brownfield. As an avid cyclist and health care professional, I urge you to support LDL 676. Allowing MDOT to spend federal grant funding on building the trail from Fryeburg to Standish, would bring substantial economic development opportunities to this rural area. Economic development alone would improve the wellbeing of local citizens. The economic development would have a synergistic effect on the overall health of the affected communities by also increasing physical wellbeing through accessibility of increased outdoor recreation. Improved health among citizens would decrease the cost burden of healthcare. As the state slogan, "the way life should be" suggests, we need to reexamine our priorities as we look ahead to the future, enriching the lives and opportunities of its citizens. Please support funding for conversion of this 31 miles of existing railroad track from Fryeburg to Standish to an interim trail-until-rail.

Thank you,
Catherine Wolfe MSN RN