Letter to the Maine Legislature in Support of the Maine Trails Bond

We support the Maine Trails Bond (LD 1156) to invest \$30 million in the design, development, and maintenance of non-motorized, motorized, and multi-use trails statewide. This investment will contribute to Maine's economy and environment and our quality of life.

In literally every corner of the state, trails are a valued resource for connecting Maine people and visitors with the natural world and reaching destinations to work and play. Trails are an essential component of Maine's \$3 billion outdoor recreation economy, which supports 31,000 jobs. Snowmobiling alone generates more than \$600 million for Maine's economy each year.

Although Maine currently has many exceptional and diverse trails, trail groups and communities have identified a large backlog of trail projects that need attention, and new funding is needed to build and maintain trails that are accessible to individuals across the full range of abilities.

We urge the Legislature to support the \$30 million Maine Trails Bond.

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