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.

Adaptive Outdoor Education Center
Appalachian Mountain Club
Aroostook Partnership
Associated General Contractors (AGC Maine)
ATV Maine
Bath-Brunswick Regional Chamber of Commerce
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce
Bicycle Coalition of Maine
Can-Am Crown Inc.
City of Calais
City of Caribou
City of Gardiner
City of Westbrook
Downeast Sunrise Trail Coalition
Environmental Priorities Coalition
Franklin County Chamber of Commerce
Greater Franklin Economic & Community Development
High Peaks Alliance
Island Institute
Katahdin Chamber of Commerce
Kennebec Valley Council of Governments
Kennebunk-Kennebunkport-Arundel Chamber
Kittery Trading Post
L.L. Bean
Main Street Skowhegan
Maine Association of Planners
Maine Audubon
Maine Council on Aging
Maine Outdoor Brands
Maine State Chamber of Commerce
Maine Recreation and Park Association

Maine Public Health Association
Maine Snowmobile Association
Maine Tourism Association
Maine Trails Coalition
Maine Youth Camping Association
Moosehead Economic Development Corp
Natural Resources Council of Maine
New England Mountain Bike Association
Northern Maine Development Commission
Oroko Economic Development Corporation
Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce
Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce
Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust
Saddleback Ski Area
River Valley Chamber of Commerce
Sebago Lakes Chamber of Commerce
St. Croix Valley Chamber of Commerce
Sugarloaf
Sunrise County Economic Council
Teens to Trails
The Nature Conservancy in Maine
Town of Belgrade
Town of Bethel
Town of Brunswick
Town of Carrabassett Valley
Town of Frenchville
Town of Greenville
Town of Millinocket
Town of Rumford
Wells Chamber of Commerce
Western Foothills Land Trust
York Region Chamber of Commerce
(Additional Supporters as of 4/27/23)

122 Corson
201 Power Sports, Inc.
30 Mile River Watershed Association
7 Lakes Alliance
Acadia Mountain Guides Climbing School
Addison Recreation Committee
Allagash Brewing Company
Alpenglow Adventure Sports
Alpine Shop
Androscoggin River Watershed Council
Andy Gagne Photography
Arnold Trail Snowmobile Club
Back Country Excursions of Maine
Basin Pond Outdoors
Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Baxter Brewing
Baxter Outdoors LLC
Bigelow Brewing Company
Bike BS
Black Mountain of Maine
Blue Hill Heritage Trust
Bold Coast Runners
Bonney Woods Corporation
Bromfield Camps
Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust
Build Maine
Busytown Bikes
Cadillac Mountain Sports
Cait Bourgault Photography
Camden Rockport Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee
Caribou Parks and Recreation Department
Carrabassett Valley Recreation Department
Carrabassett Valley Trails
Carter's XC Ski Shop and Ski Center
Casco Bay Trail Alliance
Central Maine Powersports
Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust
Chewonki
Chimani
Chris Bennett Photography
Coastal Mountains Land Trust
Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust
Confluence Collective
Dedham School Outing Club
Dennysville Snowmobile and ATV Club
Destination Moosehead Lake
Disability Rights Maine
DownEast Acadia Regional Tourism
Downeast Coastal Conservancy
Downeast Lakes Land Trust
Downeast Salmon Federation
East Coast Greenway Alliance
Eastern Trail Alliance
Elliotsville Foundation
Falmouth Land Trust
First Push Syndicate
Flowfold
Forest Society of Maine
Fort Kent Outdoor Center
Freeman Ridge Bike Park
Frenchman Bay Conservancy
Friends Camp
Friends of a Fierce Chase Cross Country Ski Trails
Friends of Acadia
Friends of Casco Bay
Friends of Hope Cemetery & Woods
Friends of Taunton Bay
Friends of Wells Dog Park
Fryeburg Conservation Committee
Georges River Land Trust
Giri Hotel Management (Bethel Inn; Sebasco Resort)
Go Beyond The Fence
Gold LEAF Institute
Good To-Go
Granite Backcountry Alliance
Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust
Great Works Regional Land Trust
Greater Lovell Land Trust
GrowSmart Maine
Harpwell Heritage Land Trust
Hawks Nest Lodge
Healthy Community Coalition, Franklin
Heart of Ellsworth
High Peaks Alliance
Hills & Trails Co.
Portland Paddle
Portland Trails
Presumpscot Regional Land Trust
Quarry Road Trails
Quimby Family Foundation
Rangeley Lakes Trails Center
Red River Camps
REI Co-Op
Resilient Communities, L3C
River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition
Rogue Life Maine
Rolling Fatties
Royal River Conservation Trust
RSU4
Rusted Rock LLC
S & S, LLC
Saco Pathfinders Snowmobile Club
Saint Joseph's Nature Sanctuary
Schoodic National Scenic Byway
Scott and Sunny Townsend Team of Keller Williams
Sebago Stonework
Sebasticook Regional Land Trust
She Summits Co
Sidecountry Trails
Sierra Club Maine Chapter
Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyon
Somerset Woods Trustees
Southern Maine Conservation Collaborative
Spencer Pond Camps
The Birches Resort
The Trust for Public Land
Three Rivers Land Trust
Three Rivers Whitewater
Town 4 Trail Services, LLC
Town of Farmington Parks and Recreation Department
Town of Readfield Trails Committee
Town of South Berwick Economic and Community Development Office
Trail & Earth, LLC
Trail Services LLC
Twin Pine Rentals
Twin Pine Snowmobile Club
Unity College Sky Lodge
Upper Saco Valley Land Trust
Valley Riders Snowmobile Club
W3 Adventures, LLC
Warren Excavation Inc.
Waterville Community Land Trust
Weatherby's Lodge
Westbrook Trail Blazes Snowmobile Club
Wildfire Cycles, LLC
Women for Healthy Rural Living
Woods and Waters Gear Exchange
York Land Trust
Broad Statewide Support for Maine Trails Bond
Highway Bonds: $1.1 Billion in 15 years