

Testimony on H.B. No. 5415

An Act concerning the Air Line Trail
Submitted to the Environment Committee

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As long-time users (over 30 years) of the Airline Trail in Portland, we whole-heartedly support this legislation.

Despite the unimproved condition of the trail in Portland, it is still a welcome respite from the noise and pollution of

the roads and traffic. It is amenable to hiking, running, biking, and observing nature in a safe and quiet manner.

Unfortunately it is also open to un-authorized motorized vehicles which disturb the peace, scare the wildlife, enable

erosion of the path, and allows illegal dumping. With passage of this bill and eventual improvement of the trail with

no access for motorized vehicles most of these problems can be alleviated. With improvement and connection of

the trail to East Hampton and Middletown, the trail would be able to be accessed by many more people, improving

the quality of their lives by providing a safe area to exercise and enjoy nature. We urge you to consider and pass

this bill.

Respectfully,

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