

Testimony on H.B. No. 5416
An Act Concerning the Air Line Trail

Submitted to the Environment Committee

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Honorable members of the Committee

I support the acquisition of the former railroad corridor, called the Airline Trail, to preserve the history of the line and create a wonderful opportunity for public recreation and enjoyment. I have personally hiked most of the trail as it now exists, and I enjoy the exercise and historic scenery. I have led hikes along the trail for the general public, pointing out the wildlife and history of the trail. Completing the existing State Park through the corridor that is available would be a wonderful addition to the trail.

I also agree with the necessity of eminent domain for the completion of the trail. There may be property owners who will hold out, and there are existing discontinuities in the trail. These need to be addressed.

Thank you