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The Honorable Jim Rausch, Chairman  
and Senate Transportation Committee  
NH State House, Room 101  
Concord, NH 03301

**Re: SB 248, an act relative to establishing a committee to study policies and procedures for the development and maintenance of state-owned abandoned rail corridors.**

Dear Chairman Rausch and Members of the Committee,

Please accept this testimony on behalf of the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks & Recreation, Bureau of Trails in reference to Senate Bill 248.

The Department welcomes any review of policies and practices to improve recreational access to NH's citizens and visitors. The Department's Bureau of Trails has worked well with the Department of Transportation's, Bureau of Rail and Transit over the years on matters related to former rail corridor conversions. If SB 248 passes the Bureau of Trails will actively participate with the Study Committee and provide any information requested and support their work.

Thank you for considering this testimony on SB 248. Feel free to contact me should you require any additional information.

Chris Gamache, Bureau of Trails Chief, is available to answer questions that you may have regarding our testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip A. Bryce".

Philip A. Bryce  
Director

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