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Planning Department

City of Ellsworth

1 City Hall Plaza

Ellsworth, Maine 04605



Re: Bikes Belong Grant Application  
To Whom It May Concern:

I've recently moved to the area because of a job opportunity at Cadillac Mountain Sports. I have 20 years of experience at my former bicycle store in New Mexico and my purpose at CMS is to re-vitalize and grow the bicycle department. I've just learned of the plans for the rails and trails link project immediately behind the store and I've seen the draft documents on the project and am enthusiastically in favor of it.

With obesity, diabetes and heart disease rising as fast as the price of gasoline (except for the immediate lull in prices) bicycling, walking and running make a lot of sense, and this project will be a big step toward having those activities possible and safe. While some of us will ride with automotive traffic on the roads, many others won't, and this project will allow those riders to get much the needed exercise and reduce traffic congestion at the same time. This will be a critical link connecting other trails in the area. Also, towns with green space and trail systems are seen as towns that are progressive and looking to their future, planning for a healthier populace. Those are towns that will have a prosperous future.

Thanks very much for applying for this much needed grant. Please keep me informed of the progress on it. I would like to help in any way I can. Good luck in getting it!

Sincerely,



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