

Dear Senator Westman and members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

As a resident of Lamoille County and leader of Stowe Trails Partnership, I strongly encourage you to take up S.4, and act related to maintenance and use of legal trails. Legal Trails are vital public infrastructure in Vermont, connecting communities and offering recreational access opportunities as considered appropriate by local municipalities.

The recent lawsuit in Tunbridge, in which a landowner is suing the town to take over management of the Legal Trail that passes through his property, underscores the need for a clearer legislative solution as to the authority of municipalities to regulate and maintain these public rights of way. Our community presently relies on several Legal Trails for recreation, connectivity, and access to some of our most prized natural areas. On behalf of the 1000+ individual Members of the Stowe Trail Partnership, I again humbly request you take up this important issue and common sense proposal to solve it.

Sincerely,

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