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Dear Sirs,

I have heard rumors to the effect that the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee and the NH Public Utilities Commission are seeking rule changes that would allow them to sweep aside local ordinances and by-laws when considering large development projects because such ordinances place too heavy a burden on developers.

Please tell me that such rumors are unfounded. We'd like to believe that all developers whether local or distant, must conform to the same standards in the community in which they intend to develop. If a community makes a rule, they expect everyone in that community to conform to it without exception. If someone can enter that community and behave as they want, what's the point of establishing rule of law in the first place?

We must be assured that self rule and self determination are not just some empty slogan and that the words imprinted on every automobile license plate actually mean something. If I sound idealistic and naïve, then perhaps I am. However, please consider that what we teach our children in civics class is actually true. Please allow us to honestly say that people in government are there to serve those children and not themselves.

Respectfully,

Paul Stevens

