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**Subject:** Northern Pass opposition letter to Gov. Lynch

It is time for the Governor, and all elected officials who represent the people of New Hampshire, to stand up and say "No, to Northern Pass". The people have spoken, and will continue to speak until we are heard and understood. Please read the attached letter being sent to Governor John Lynch.

Thank you for your time.

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March 20, 2011

Governor John H. Lynch  
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Dear Governor Lynch,

As a fourth-generation native of Coos County, I am solidly opposed to the Northern Pass Transmission project. The acquisition of easements for private business serving customers in states other than New Hampshire, with a "product" generated in a foreign country is an infringement on landowner rights, and the construction of towers and lines will be detrimental to the "sense of place" that this area provides its residents and visitors.

Such a project will destroy the historic and cultural values that have been part of our heritage for generations. Excavating and clearing for the right of way (including expanding the width of existing rights of way) and creation of roads to access the transmission line will harm or demolish archeological features and sites. Abandoned roads, stone walls, cellar holes and other remnants of historic human occupation will be lost. There is no monetary compensation that can replace these items. Their loss will be irreversible.

I understand, Governor Lynch that you recently participated in the annual tree tapping to celebrate the beginning of the 2011 maple sugaring season. Have you given any thought to how the proposed transmission project is going to affect those families that make this part of their spring ritual? There are some who rely on maple syrup as part of their annual income. This can wipe out some of their cash crop – trees that have taken from 50 to 100 years to mature into producers of a unique agricultural tradition and desirable product. Once they are cut down for a right-of-way, they are lost forever. Most of the producers won't live long enough to be able to see new trees grow to an age where they can be able to produce at the same capacity they are getting today.

And how does your conscience allow you to declare March 1, 2011 as White Mountain National Forest day, knowing that you so eagerly promoted the Northern Pass project in the City of Franklin a few months ago. The proposed transmission line is slated to cut through our treasured National Forest, which is far from what the creators of the Weeks Act had in mind. To quote you from your own office's press release, "The White Mountain National Forest remains a great source of pride for all of us here in New Hampshire. It is truly a New Hampshire and national treasure."

The press release goes on to state "Millions of New Hampshire citizens and visitors from across the country have come to the White Mountain National Forest to hike, camp and ski, making it one of the most visited outdoor recreational areas in the eastern United States."

Two weeks ago, at New Hampshire Town Meetings, 28 towns voted to declare their opposition to the Northern Pass Transmission project. In addition, the Department of Energy has just concluded their seventh and final Scoping Meeting in our state, in order to hear the public's comments on the project as part of the process in considering a presidential permit to allow a utility to cross international borders. With over 2500 residents attending these meetings, and over three hundred voicing their comments, it is estimated that about 95% were opposed to this project. How can you not hear our desires?

What Northern Pass is proposing is just wrong for New Hampshire, and is simply unethical. I ask that you represent the people of this state, and stand up to the big businesses involved and tell them to find another way to satisfy their greed. It will not be at the expense of New Hampshire's heritage, economy, or way of life.

Respectfully yours,



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Cc: members of the Site Evaluation Committee; Senator Kelly Ayotte; Senator Jeanne Shaheen; Rep. Charlie Bass; Executive Councilor Raymond Burton; Senator John Gallus; Representative Duffy Daugherty; Rep. William D. Hatch; Rep. Larry Rapaport; Rep. Evalyn Merrick; Rep. Bill Remick; Rep. Herb Richardson; Rep. John E. Tholl, Jr.; Rep. Stephanie Eaton; Rep. Kathy Taylor; Rep. Edmond Gionet; Rep. Gregory M. Sorg; Rep. Rick Ladd; Rep. Robert L. Theberge; Rep. Yvonne Thomas; Rep. Marc Tremblay.