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Good morning,

As a young professional, I am very concerned that Forbes Magazine's recent "Best States for Business" list ranks New Hampshire 37th in America. A major problem is our region's extremely high cost for electricity. In fact, Forbes' list ranks NH even lower, at 44th, when it comes to costs of doing business.

That's why I am glad to read that Northern Pass has started its review process with the SEC. With the project improvements announced this summer, like dedicated low-cost power for New Hampshire and line burial through the White Mountain National Forest, the time is now to move Northern Pass forward.

The new Northern Pass will bring more than 1,000 megawatts of clean, cheap hydropower to New England. ISO NE, which manages the grid, has been saying for years that we need new sources of power to make up for the energy we are losing as older power plants around the region shut down. Earlier this year we saw Vermont Yankee close. We've also read shut-down announcements from other major power producers like the Pilgrim nuclear plant.

We already rely on burning natural gas for about 50% of our electric supply. It's time we diversify our power sources and get more low-cost, renewable hydropower like Northern Pass into the mix.

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