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Dear SEC,

Prior to really looking into the Northern Pass project my outlook was, “Cheaper electric bill? Sign me up.” After tracking project updates and doing additional research, I feel compelled to share my support for the Northern Pass – a project I didn’t even initially intend to follow.

The fact is, New England has become over-dependent on natural gas. At the same time power plants that use other fuels have started to shut down. Electricity in New England is more expensive than it needs to be, given the opportunity in front of us to partner with Hydro-Quebec, and is among the highest price points nationally. If there’s an opportunity to reduce costs by bringing another source of electricity into the region (one that’s reliable, clean and at no cost to NH residents) how could I oppose that?

I understand why people don’t want to alter the view from their backyard (and so does the project, as it committed to bury an additional 52 miles of the line underground) but, to me, that doesn’t justify continuing the 3.3 million tons of carbon emissions (the equivalent of 690,000 cars off the road) that would be prevented per year with this project. So while my opinion is still, “sign me up,” I’m now actively rooting for state regulators to approve this project. I also urge others to look into the new Forward NH Plan from Eversource to understand how they’ve addressed the concerns from opponents. Don’t stop Northern Pass, START Northern Pass!

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