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Many years ago, my husband and I made a conscious effort and a deliberate decision to relocate from Massachusetts to New Hampshire, in part for the natural beauty of the area. My husband started a business here, and I found a job teaching. After renting for a few years, we found the perfect old house on 52 beautiful acres of land high above the Pemigewassett River in New Hampton. We were aware of the PSNH ROW running through the land, and before we purchased the property, we walked it to find vernal pools, blueberries, wild holly, and signs of large animal life. This easement had been in place for years and years, and we were not at all concerned. We invested heavily in the house and property because we were certain land was a good investment. We wanted to gift our young child with land for a house to keep family close by as we grew older. Now Northern Pass is proposing to erect its high-voltage structures on our right-of-way. Our daughter, now grown, does not want our gift as she doesn't want her children growing up in the shadow of such towers. As we approach retirement age, our biggest investment will be useless to us - who would want to buy land with such structures marching through it? As the Committee thinks about evaluating the Northern Pass project, we urge you to consider long-time landowners like us, who have made this New Hampshire land our home and our life. We are opposed to this project as proposed, and thank you for the opportunity to voice our concerns.