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Mr. Martin Honigberg, Chairman  
NH Site Evaluation Committee  
NH Public Utilities Commission  
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Dear Mr. Honigberg and Members of the Committee,

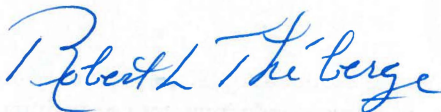
The majority of my constituents with whom I have spoken, are fully aware of the controversy regarding the Northern Pass. Unfortunately much confusion still remains regarding the project which has created a great deal of debate and has strained relationships. Originally when Northern Pass was proposed, I advocated to the extent possible, that the line be buried where feasible. Northern Pass has made changes to the route and the burial of lines. They have listened. Now it is up to the SEC to decide the route and configuration of the proposed project.

This being said, I also truly believe that support should be given for the Forward New Hampshire Plan and, specifically, the \$200M Forward New Hampshire Fund which will give a much needed boost for economic development and tourism for the North Country. It goes without saying that the entire state will benefit from the Balsams Resort renovation project.

As you and your colleagues are aware, the above fund is an opportunity for financial incentives to our North County citizens which will provide support services to the new resort. Tourism-based economic development will benefit surrounding communities.

My hope is that the above project will be a catalyst which will give incentives for our young to find employment opportunities here in New Hampshire and the hope of not having to leave home. Should you have any questions or are in need of additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Respectfully,



Rep. Robert L. Théberge  
Chairman, Coös County Delegation