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**To:** Monroe, Pamela  
**Subject:** Northern Pass comments.

Dear Pamela,

I am including a few links along with my commentary in support of the Northern Pass:

<http://gizmodo.com/the-worlds-largest-indoor-vertical-farm-is-being-built-1717140120>

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/deforestation-and-global-warming/>

<http://newsone.com/1540235/americas-worst-9-urban-food-deserts/>

I support the Northern Pass project for a multitude of reasons, but above all believe that it will directly help save NH forests. New Hampshire lacks many natural resources to be self-sufficient. This means we heavily import fossil fuels from out of State for our economy. It also means that we have to heavily import food to our region. As you will see in one of the links deforestation occurs globally to sustain farming environments and too feed a population. In the other link you will note that for the first time in History, we are learning to farm vertically instead of horizontally.

With new technology we can build indoor farming systems that lower water usage, land usage, fertilizer run off, and energy costs via transportation among others. These facilities rely on electricity, which we can further lower the fossil fuel impact and consumption by utilizing hydropower. Localizing our farms and bringing them into our cities helps alleviate the societal problems that crop up around "food deserts" (please see third link for definition), and relieve our inner cities of poor dietary consumption.

The project guarantees clean energy that is not created by the leading cause of climate change, fossil fuels. It is imperative that our best and brightest solutions to the environmental changes the world is going through are supported and not put on the shelf. This project can help us farm locally, feed our people locally, lower our water consumption, and over reliance on fossil fuels. The list goes on. Northern Pass is good for New Hampshire, let's get it done.

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