

Chairman Martin Honigberg

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NH site Evaluation Committee

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Dear Mr. Chairman

I am one of the recipients of the Coos county jobs Fund Grants. I would like you to know their financial assistance has helped me increase my gross sales by 34 % in 2016. Due to this increase in business growth; I have been able to hire more quality full time and part time employees. The company payroll increased 30% for 2016 and on track for continued growth in 2017.

Local community projects such as the water and sewer updates (partially grant funded) have also contributed to growth in town and my business. Motel units have increased during the weekdays over the summer for out of town workers.

I believe grants to assist local small business will do far more to stimulate jobs in the community long term than short term go nowhere" studies" that end in no resolve, only to open up a dead end short term "job." Investing in sticks and bricks within the local downtown area also provides vibrant outlook to locals and visitors afar.

Increased investment in a community small businesses will also increase business profits taxes to the state.(which is today a very high cost high burden to any small business) I believe strangles employment growth.

Over the past few years the North Country has economically changed more toward tourism. Any small change in the economy whether up or down highly affects my bottom line. I appreciate any influx in development growth, small, large, long term or short term as well as any grants or subsidies that can help my company continue to grow.

I have talked with other local small business owners throughout my community that would love to have an opportunity to apply for any future grants to assist them grow their business and create more jobs.

Extremely high overhead costs challenge any small business today. I support Northern Pass in hopes it will bring short and long term jobs as well as future saving on electricity. I understand the opposition point of view, but also understand the need for change and growth to survive in today's economic environment.

Sincerely

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