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Subject: Northern Pass

My husband and I moved to NH in 1971 from Pittsburgh and Philadelphia Pennsylvania respectively. I thought I was moving to a back country territory, full of rubes – was I ever wrong! I was impressed from the get go by the intelligence and thoughtfulness of the people who were born and raised here.

Part of the reason my husband and I have stayed in NH is because we love the rural nature of the state: the ability to walk our dog on quiet roads, to ski at Sunapee and appreciate the views, to bike and hike and cross-country ski and appreciate the beauty all around us.

However, living in the country has taught us that there is always some business who sees NH's beautiful woods and mountains and rivers and thinks – “hey, we need to put some inappropriate structure on that land to make money”. We can't take our quality of life for granted.

We don't live in an area of the State where we will be directly impacted by transmission towers but that doesn't mean we don't care about the impact on those residents who will be directly affected. I am so proud of those landowners who turned down massive amounts of money from Eversource in order to preserve the landscape for all the rest of us and I support them fully.

Also, as residents of NH, we ARE directly impacted by unsightly lines coming through the middle of our state, which will negatively impact land values and the tourism industry. The north country should be allowed to maintain its rural character to promote recreational entertainment and adventures, free of gigantic transmission lines and poles.

Why is it that Vermont and Maine have proposals for transmission lines that are underground the whole route from Canada. Why is it that Eversource so under-values NH that it says it can't possibly afford to bury the route. If the need for energy is so great in our sister states to the south, then Eversource and Hydro-Quebec can afford to bury the whole line.

NH shouldn't bear the physical scars forever for a project that simply will not benefit our citizens as much as it will benefit Eversource/Hydro-Quebec and residents/businesses outside our state.

Protect us: do the right thing and vote against this commercial land grab that if granted, will impact our citizens negatively forever.

Thank you,

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