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Dear Governor Sununu,

I am a product of my upbringing in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, and I am proud of it. As a child, I was raised by a single mom who worked long hours and multiple jobs so that we could have a home of our own, and taught me to make my life one of appreciation for hard work and being an American citizen trying to live out the 'American Dream.' For the past 26 years, she has paid her mortgage on time and has recently retired from her job of 34 years in Easton, NH. She is looking forward to retirement, and we are currently working on a plan for her to sell me my childhood home so that I may provide for her, and she will be able to live out the rest of her days, and we can begin to build the next generation of our family there.

I am writing this letter because I learned a few years ago that because her home is located less than 150 feet from the powerlines in Easton, NH, it is likely its location will be unsafe to inhabit. My understanding is that if this were the case, she might be given the 'option' to sell her home to the organization behind Northern Pass, Hydro-Quebec. Seeing the forest through the trees, it is evident that she would realistically be forced to move.

Like many in New Hampshire who are concerned about the motives behind this project and whether or not it will truly benefit our state in the long run, I am also concerned about my mother literally losing her 'nest egg' and myself, a childhood home where I plan to also raise my family.

I would like to ask some questions to both you and those from Hydro-Quebec;

- 1.) Although there will be a temporary benefit of short term jobs in New Hampshire and some long term benefit in Deerfield and Franklin, would the financial gain outweigh the negative impact the lines would have on the tourism of our beautiful state?
 - a. If yes; would it be substantial enough that it might be better to simply not to have the lines?
 - b. If the answer is not known; would it be too late once they are put in to reflect on the negative impact the lines have had on the landscape and as a result, the tourism of the state?
- 2.) If your childhood home and the only asset to your mother were at risk of being taken from her against her will, how do you think that would make her feel? How would that make you feel?
- 3.) In the support of renewable, clean energy, wouldn't it make more sense to focus on tax incentives that support solar power for individual homes? Wind power? Investing in more efficient water turbines for electric producing dams in NH?

I thank you for your time. I have worked as a Secondary Science Teacher in the state of New Hampshire, a volunteer fireman in the town of Easton, and currently have begun a career in the health sciences. I have attended NHTI and the White Mountains Community College as a means of achieving my educational goals. I am a product of the State of New Hampshire. My concerns are sincere and reflect many concerns of the underserved population of NH who will be negatively affected by this project in the long term. There are some short term gains, but with the best wishes for our country, it is nothing less than puzzling that we are considering allowing a foreign company from a border other than our own to negatively impact our landscape, livelihoods and financial assets. Please consider my letter with a full heart and a clear mind.

"We have fallen heirs to the most glorious heritage a people ever received, and each one must do his part if we wish to show that the nation is worthy of its good fortune." - Theodore Roosevelt

Best,

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