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To: Monroe, Pamela
Subject: Northern Pass / Sugar Hill

Dear Members of the Northern Pass Site Evaluation Committee,

My wife and myself live in our year round residence directly East of Rte 18 in Sugar Hill. Since it is our understanding that the Northern Pass current proposal consists of an underground burial route right in front of our home, we are compelled to voice our strong objection. Obviously, the construction process itself poses a very unpleasant prospect dealing with the delays, dust, noise, etc, but my concern goes far beyond the short term inconvenience. Many locals find our property to be a very special slice of local history, dating back to the 1870s, including a number of beautiful, huge pine trees out front, six of which are within 8 to 10 feet of the paved road surface. The trees, along with their brethren in front of our home, are the primary reason we bought and restored the property a number of years ago. The digging of the Northern Pass would undoubtedly disrupt the root system of these massive, irreplaceable trees. As an aside, I would expect that ledge blasting would be common in this area, if our personal experience was consistent. We have many questions. Who would be responsible when one or more dies as a consequence of the disruption in a year or two? Who would be responsible if one or more were to consequently fall on our home in one of our common high wind events? Who would decide (and when) that these trees might even need to be removed even to do the Northern Pass digging? Who would be responsible for the reduced real estate value of our home given the infamous "Northern Pass" being right along our entire road frontage? What legal vehicle exists to address such problems which may take years to even manifest themselves? While I realize these are very personal concerns, I can only assume that similar issues exist for many, if not most, of those affected by the current plan.

Ultimately, the entire premise of having Northern Pass pass through rural neighborhoods and small towns seems utterly foolish on many levels. While we all look selfishly at our own concerns, cumulatively these should carry enough weight to become what should be a significant barrier to this project.

Realizing it is easy to complain without offering anything constructive, I would like to propose what seems like the most obvious choice in this....**BURY NORTHERN PASS DOWN THE RTE 93 RIGHT OF WAY!** This would have to eliminate many, many construction obstacles and complications, to say nothing of the anger and frustrations of many residents and businesses disrupted by the current proposal.

Thank you for your consideration,
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