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To the Site Evaluation Committee,

My name is Pamela Altomare and I am a citizen of Lancaster New Hampshire. I am writing to voice my opposition to the Northern Pass, (A FOR PROFIT, PART FOREIGN/HYDRO QUEBEC- PART DOMESTIC/EVERSCOURCE, CORPERATE VENTURE) that seeks to use and destroy New Hampshire as the a means to transfer energy to southern New England.

I have taught in the public schools of New Hampshire for over 25 years. The last ten years were in Berlin New Hampshire. As a teacher, I came to know many parents, their successes, struggles and challenges. When the mills closed far too many families were left destitute. Then the prisons came, and they promised employment in the form of construction jobs and prison staffing. In reality, the construction crews were brought in from out of state and if applicants were lucky enough to pass the age and personal profile criteria they had a chance of a job.

Administrative positions were also chosen from out of state applicants. The Job myth was just that, a MYTH that was not honored due to corporate interests. Far too many parents were/are still scrambling for employment to build meaningful lives for themselves and their families. Our economies in the North Country are now heavily dependent on our main industry, tourism. Northern Pass will destroy that possibility! The state of NH recognized the tourism industry and its potential for sustaining north country communities in several ways including the creation of beautiful state parks and scenic drives as well as the "Ride the Wilds" program. Northern Pass will forever destroy the Wild, the jewel of our fair state!

We now know that "if approved Northern Pass will involve unprecedented wetlands filling and environmental impacts up and down the length of the project, affecting dozens of communities."

Communities that have grown upon some of the most beautiful and unscarred land in our country!

Communities that value the pure waters, air, and mountains of New Hampshire. At this point in my life I work in the hospitality industry, and I can tell you, people come from all over the world to visit what affectionately and accurately has come to be known as GOD's COUNTRY. I do not believe Hydro Quebec is offering tours through their acres of charred and destroyed fracking earth. However, their once verdant earth, which is now a wasteland is easy enough to visit on line or in person (if you would like to vacation there). Our New Hampshire lands once destroyed by the Northern Pass can never be reclaimed. We know the lands along the power lines will be contaminated and scorched and the health of the entire environment, air, waters, land will be toxic to ALL life including our own!

I pray that you honor and protect the land and people of New Hampshire; lands that have been recognized by the federal government as so magnificent they have been designated as National Parks, and just as importantly our New Hampshire citizens, from those that have been lived here for generations to those who have recently discovered the rare beauty and bounty of our fair state.

I close with a wholehearted invitation for you to visit our lands and people, take the time to see and understand the northern lands of your state and its communities. Know and understand us as inseparable from the entire state's uniqueness and prosperity. Know this will be destroyed if you allow HydroQuebec, this private, for profit corporation who seeks only to use, and in doing so forever destroy New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

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Today as I drove towards my place of work, the Omni Mount Washington, there were streams of vacation traffic. Vehicles carrying motorboats, kayaks, sailboats, ATV's, bicycles, as well as, campers and trailers of all sizes and shapes were on their way to our parks and campgrounds and vacation homes. They are not coming to spend time on a scorched earth and toxic, environment. They are not coming to view the 180 foot towers that will disfigure our land. They are coming to be part of the uniquely pure lands and waters of Northern New Hampshire. Lands that are recognized in our state's very own New Hampshire Magazine.
