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We are residents of Concord. We moved to NH from New York City 30 years ago for the opportunity to raise our children in a beautiful state that has a culture of valuing the natural world. Indeed, much of New Hampshire's economy relies on the tourism drawn by our mountains, lakes, forests, and traditional New England towns.

We are against allowing Northern Pass towers to run above ground through New Hampshire's capital city. What kind of message does it send to the kind of young, smart, environmentally aware people NH wants to attract, to see a utility tower rise higher than the state capitol building? To see who knows how many neighbors' home values plummet because of our failure to protect each other?

Countless beautiful things in America are destroyed by short-sighted "progress" made on the cheap; utility companies that will reap many years of profit from these lines can well afford to bury them for the sake of the long term public good. We agree with New Hampshire's great poet Donald Hall, who in a letter to the Concord Monitor about cell phone towers said "Beauty is practical. It makes life worth living."

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