

From: Sylvia Larsen <sylviablarsen@gmail.com>
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To: Monroe, Pamela
Subject: Northern Pass - bury the lines in Concord

Dear Chairman Honigburg and SEC Committee members,
I am writing to register my strong opposition to the Northern Pass project as currently proposed for Concord. As supported by our City Council, I believe the 8.1 mile route through our city should only be approved if the lines are buried.

As a former State Senator representing Concord for 20 years and 8 year City Councilor At-Large, I know how diligently our city and its residents have worked to maintain the rural, verdant appeal of our community. Concord is located low in the Merrimack Valley which means the proposed 120-165 foot towers would dominate our city, exceeding the height of our Statehouse dome and changing forever the rural, forested Capital City viewscape.

Concord residents represent more than one-third of the NH citizens directly affected by the proposed Northern Pass conduit, so I would ask that commensurate weight be given to the opposition of our city to these towering overhead lines. Given the magnitude of the project and the implicit decades of profit to be made, it is reasonable to require the one-time investment in line burial costs through the Concord corridor. While there is considerable outside pressure to approve this project, I trust that the Site Evaluation Committee will fulfill its mission to carefully weigh the impact of the Northern Pass project on our state, especially as it affects the City of Concord. Burying the lines safeguards our residents from permanent aesthetic and property tax damage.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this project which will directly affect current and future generations of NH residents.

Sincerely,

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