

**Public Statement of Katherine Aldrich Cote**  
**with**  
**75 Letters\* Concerning Impacts of Northern Pass's Proposed**  
**Underground Construction on Franconia Area Businesses**

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**Site Evaluation Committee Public Hearing**  
**July 20, 2017**  
**Concord, N. H.**

\*All letters included here were written prior to July 20, 2017.

Additional letters, if any, will be submitted separately.

Statement of Katherine Aldrich Cote delivered at the NH-SEC Public Hearing, July 20, 2017

Katherine Aldrich Cote

Polly's Pancake Parlor, Inc.

672 Route 117

Sugar Hill, NH 03586

July 2017

Northern Pass Site Evaluation Committee

Good Morning,

I am here on behalf of the Franconia Area Businesses. I have in my hand over 60 letters from several of our businesses that will be impacted by the proposed burial down the Route 18/116 corridor in the Franconia Area. I urge all of you to take the time to read each and every letter.

As third generation family owner of Polly's Pancake Parlor in Sugar Hill which has been in business for 79 years, I am very concerned with how the proposed Northern Pass project will impact our business. While it is true that we are not on the direct proposed burial of northern pass we know that the disruption in construction will impact our business tremendously.

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Here are some numbers that will be impacted. From April 2016 to October 2016 Polly's served 71,031 customers out of a total 93,500 for the year. As you can see the bulk of our business comes during those six months. During the height of the summer season we are serving on average 3,600 customers per week with a height of 4,000 one week in August. Of those customers over 2/3rds travel through Franconia along Route 18 and up Route 117.

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Polly's receives weekly deliveries from twelve different vendors weekly whose deliveries and orders will be impacted by this proposed project. These vendors travel through Franconia and up Route 117 from the east. They will experience delays and possible loss of income due to decreased business.

With our recent rebuild, our mortgage has put us in a position where we are highly leveraged. If we cannot make our note due to business disruption, it will influence our banks' ability to loan to other local businesses. It does not take an expert to realize that utility disruptions will affect all homes and businesses. Our business will suffer greatly if electricity, phone and cable/internet are disrupted not only during business hours but also in off hours. Being in the food business means that food safety is our number one concern. We rely on the coolers and freezers running 24/7.

We implore you to consider the negative long-term effects of this project on our small towns and businesses. Tourist will avoid the area, find other destinations to visit, and may not return for many years if at all. They are the lively hood of the bulk of Sugar Hill and Franconia area businesses.

Thank you for your consideration,

Katherine A. Côté

Polly's Pancake Parlor, Inc.

Appendix to the Statement of Katherine Aldrich Cote delivered to the NH-SEC, July 20, 2017

75 letters written as of July 20, 2017, concerning impacts of Northern Pass's proposed underground construction on Franconia area businesses.

Northern Pass, Docket 2015-06

July 19, 2017

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

We are a small plant nursery located on Rte 18 in Sugar Hill and have served the  
the local community for over 28 years.

During the first week of current Rte 18 closure our revenue was down 90%.

During the second week of road closure, there has been one customer to date.

Due to the current road closure, if this continues at the current rate we are looking  
at a loss of \$7,000- \$10,000

So in closing, if this is an indication of what might happen to a small business in  
the area, if roads and travel interruption occur for longer periods of time , we  
all are in trouble .....

Warm Regards,

Tom & Melissa

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**Heath's Greenhouse & Nursery**  
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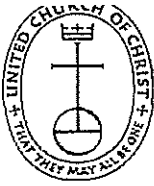
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

My wife and I have owned a rental property with five apartments at 49 Dow Avenue in Franconia, NH for the last twenty years. Many of our tenants find living down the street from the Dow Park an attractive feature of our building. We have concerns that the disruption to the Dow Park and the surrounding streets are going to make our rental property less valuable and attractive to renters. In addition we are concerned about any damage that could be caused by the construction to the playground equipment that is enjoyed from kids across the town. Our son, Adam, raised considerable funds to create the playground as part of his Eagle Scout project. Any disruption in use or damage would be a disservice to our community.

Thank you,

Kirk Luce  
49 Dow Ave  
Franconia, NH 03580



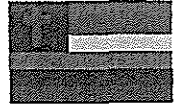
Franconia Community Church of Christ

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**Franconia Community Church of Christ**

44 Church Street

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June 30, 2017

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroc, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Sight Evaluation Committee:

With all due respect we wish to express our deep concern regarding the Northern Pass project and how it will impact our community and alter the quality of life in area towns. The Franconia Community Church serves the residents of Franconia and surrounding towns in many ways, all of which will be severely limited during the likely multiyear construction of North Pass. The activities that will be impacted include the weekly food pantry, memorial services, community events, and of course weekly worship services. The Franconia Community Church takes an active part in the life of the area community and that will largely be put on hold during the Northern Pass construction, much of which will be on or adjacent to the church grounds.

We at Franconia Community Church of Christ are also concerned about the negative impact this project will have on individuals and businesses in the Franconia community. Visitors will not be able to get to Franconia attractions and services during construction resulting in long term financial losses for all businesses in Franconia. Also, individuals and businesses can expect a decline in the value of their properties in light of the Northern Pass development.

For these reasons, as well as the many potential public safety concerns over placing a power line of this scope in a residential area, the leadership of the Franconia Community Church is strongly opposed to the Northern Pass Project as currently proposed.

Respectfully,  
The Franconia Community Church Leadership Team

## O'HARA LAWN CARE

P.O. Box 697  
Franconia, NH 03580

NH Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela F. Monroe, Administrator  
21 S. Fruit Street #10  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Secretary,

I run a small landscaping company which operates within a very tight profit margin. I earn the lion share of my income during the months when they will be doing this construction. It will be difficult to travel the roads and I will have problems parking my truck and trailer. Access to my accounts could be negatively affected.

As for the project itself, people buy real estate because the term private property means the world to us. The government or any powerful company should not have the right to trespass on our land. In this case, it appears that they are going to trespass with a mega wattage electrical power line that will be placed within feet of sleeping children. Your proposal is to run these lines within feet of our elderly facility, our elementary school and children's center, our fields where our young children will be playing, and right through our rivers and streams. You can't possibly tell us with any certainty that there will not be any negative repercussions.

This is not the type of project that boosts spirits on Main Street USA. This is a project that literally and spiritually destroys Main Street. You are going to totally rip up our town during two consecutive tourist seasons. This assault on our local economy will far outweigh any short term employment that this project will support.

Whatever happened to the local movement? I guess if you are an animal or a vegetable it is still okay to be part of the local movement. If you are a human being however, you have to bow to the new world order. It took us a decade to get the Mittersill ski slopes to reopen because we may have slightly interacted with a bird in a negative way. Yet your proposal is to run a super high powered power line that we have no scientific data on right through our town. This power line will interact with us mere humans who live here, run, bike, fish, swim, hike, drive to work and earn our livings. I urge the site evaluation committee to seriously rethink this proposal. It doesn't make any sense to do what you are doing. If it is a matter of bringing money



to the state legislature, raise the highway tolls. Don't turn a deaf ear to our legitimate concerns.

The only logical plan is to run the power line right down route 93. The only impact on us should be when they have to close an exit or two. If you want to help our economy you can stop by when you are working in our area, buy sandwiches and gas from our local establishments and then move on.

Concerned business owner and citizen,

Paul O'Hara  
O'Hara Lawn Care, Inc.  
P.O. Box 697  
Franconia, NH 03580

June 24, 1017

MBFF LLC  
PO Box 905  
Franconia, NH 03580

NH Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit St, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Pamela G. Monroe:

I write as the owner of a building on Main Street in Franconia which has 4 tenants whose businesses would be affected by the construction of Northern Pass. The economic impact during the construction would be significant as customers would have difficulty accessing the property for an uncertain period of time. Property values are bound to decrease with the effects of Northern Pass on the views and aesthetics of our beautiful state. It will impact our ability to find renters who can run successful businesses.

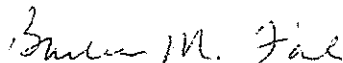
Disruption of existing roadways, digging a tunnel under the Gale River and excavation efforts are likely to affect groundwater purity and other hazardous soil conditions which would impact public health and safety.

The current route of Northern Pass impacts many small towns which will not likely benefit from the end point of the project: power to be sold to southern New England, not New Hampshire. This project would not help the long term overall economic growth of New Hampshire.

When initially proposed, the route of Northern Pass was to be overhead power lines. When that proved to be unacceptable and unreasonable, the route was changed. Now some of the lines are proposed to be buried. This is not a reasonable or acceptable option and it is not too late to consider a better option. The I-93 corridor has been designated an energy corridor and could accommodate Northern Pass.

Efforts should be made to ensure the completion of the project (a performance bond) and contingencies for future financial and technical operation of the power facility and whether the need for this power is truly necessary. It is not clear from information presented thus far from Hydro-Quebec and Eversource that these issues are addressed.

Sincerely,



Barbara M. Ford  
Owner, Member

# TAMARACK

111 Easton Valley Road - Franconia, New Hampshire 03600

July 8, 2017

NH Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Admin  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Comm.,

I am the granddaughter of the founders of Tamarack tennis camp located on Rt 116 in Easton NH. My grandparents acquired the land and started two businesses here in the 1950's cherish this land, the businesses and our heritage. I am now co-director of the camp with my husband. We have approximately 90 kids attend a summer and about 25 staff members. My uncle still runs the tennis court construction and resurfacing business next door. The campers enjoy attending Tamarack in our peaceful setting and also are crossing Rt 116 daily. I am not in support of the Northern Pass project. I don't think our small business will be able to survive the economic impact of the construction of the project as proposed to run along 116. We begin preparations for camp in the spring and host small events, camps even after camp through the fall. Five of our 12 tennis courts, our historic barn and our soccer field are all across 116 from the main lodge. Our barn 2 courts and one twin girls cabin is within 35 ft of 116. The noise, traffic and aesthetics of the project will be devastating to our business. The environment is of paramount importance to me and my husband and I want to continue to provide a safe and beautiful camp experience as my grandparents did.

# TAMARAACK

.11 Easton Valley Road - Franconia, New Hampshire 03889

I implore you to please reject the project unless it follows the Interstate 93 Corridor and they pay a case fee to the State of N.H. It would be morally wrong and irresponsible to allow corporate powers to destroy the livelihood of so many NH residents and negatively affect the heritage of the State. Generations to come would have to deal with the impacts of Northern Pass.

Thank you for your time,  
consideration and responsible decision.

Genesis Miller Esq.

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee

June 28, 2017

c/o Pamela C. Monroe, Administrator

21 South Fruit Street, Suite 101

Concord, NH 03301

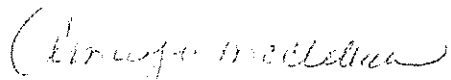
Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

I am writing to you as a property owner as well as a local business owner in the Franconia, NH area. I am a real estate appraiser and have owned my own company since 2004. I work in both New Hampshire and Vermont. I have completed several appraisals for properties that have suffered damage for various reasons.

I have read articles written by local New Hampshire brokers stating that values where views are impacted by the Northern Pass could be damaged 25% to 50% and could possibly be essentially unsaleable. Values of properties located along the construction route will also be severely impacted during the construction process and the impact on value once the project is completed will depend on many things. First and foremost, how the landscape looks upon completion, how many trees have been removed, has landscaping been replaced, is there more signage, how has the "character" of the area been modified are just a few. The studies regarding the effects on health of buried transmission lines is not conclusive however, even the possibility of a potential health risk can cause the market to view a property as damaged and cause significant loss in value.

Businesses located in the construction areas are also at significant risk. Northern Grafton County and Coos County of New Hampshire have both seen many businesses close over the past 10 years and the businesses that remain depend of seasonal sales. The loss of business due to construction over several years will most likely result in the closure of many local businesses that will translate into loss of jobs and services in the area. Small businesses will be most severely affected.

There appears to be much uncertainty among homeowners regarding how long the project will last, how their specific properties will be affected, will be surveys completed, what will be done to keep the character of their areas once the project is completed etc. This type of uncertainty adds to the loss in property values and can make properties along the construction route unsaleable during the construction process due to the number of unknown factors. I would urge you to provide specifics to affected property owners such as surveys, drawings explaining exactly what areas of their property will be affected, traffic flows and plans to repair properties upon completion.



Amy C. McClellan, SRA

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From: **Pamela Powers** waterjunkie603@gmail.com  
Subject: **Objection to Northern Pass**  
Date: **June 29, 2017 at 12:37 PM**  
To: **brendashannonadam@me.com**

I have a business at 157 main st. Franconia , NH along Rte. 18 . My business relies heavily on a sign that sits curbside , needing to be seen fully from both directions of route 18, I have a huge concern that I will suffer financially if Northern is to have earth torn up in front of my business or along the path that my signage can be seen. That is only one concern . Second being a health issue. I don't believe that anyway that Northern pass tries to sugarcoat the safety of this project that it is at all safe. I thought this country was about protecting its land and its people. To be allowed to contaminate and disrupt our land is unimaginable. Another great concern is the noise? I create a calm atmosphere in my business, looking at and hearing construction is not calming, it's sickening and worrisome for all people in and around our surrounding communities. These people are my friends and family and clients.  
Let it be stated that I Pamela Powers. doing business as The Strand Salon opposes The Northern Pass project.

Sincerely,  
Pam Powers  
The Strand Family Hair Salon  
157 Main Street/rte. 18  
Franconia, NH 03580

**Frederick L. Von Karls, Ph.D  
Claire G. Von Karls, LICSW  
PO Box 803  
Franconia, NH  
03580**

**RE: Franconia / Sugar Hill Business Owners Opposing Northern Pass Construction Plans**

**To Whom It May Concern,**

**We are writing as part of the business community of Franconia/ Sugar Hill. We are mental health professionals who have been practicing in the North Country since 1999, and strongly believe Northern Pass's plans for construction would have a devastating impact on the businesses in our area.**

**The prolonged upheaval of the trenching construction, and road closures, would present significant disruptions to traffic flows for all the businesses in the area. In our particular situation, the difficulty for our clients traveling to our office would add further emotional stress, and cause many of them to seek help from caregivers in other areas.**

**In addition to our personal business concerns, we know that the massive scale of construction, traffic delays, detours, and road closures would severely affect other local businesses. Our area is extremely dependent on tourist trade that is based upon the natural beauty and convenience of travel through our lovely back roads and villages. Our clients, and patrons of other area businesses, appreciate easy accessibility to the quiet, expansive beauty that our towns offer. Take that away, and our tourists, clients, and long time patrons, go away. Add to this the extended time frame of traffic interference, and environmental disruption, and the negative socioeconomic impact on our businesses will cause many to close forever.**

**In addition to the socioeconomic affects, residents of our area would also have to deal with the psychological affects associated with the loss of income, and the devastation to the natural environment in which they live.**

**Please consider the horrific impact of the Northern Pass current construction plan. A small, rural area with spectacular scenery will be off the charts for years. It is difficult to predict the full extent of cost in terms of lost income, and tourist trade, but it will be significant, and in some ways, permanent. It is important to note that this effect will not be limited to our area, but will have a detrimental effect in New Hampshire in general.**

**Please visit our area. All those in a position to vote on this issue should visit our area, and experience the beauty we are discussing. It should be a prerequisite for making a decision.**

**We urge you to strongly consider the negative consequences of the Northern Pass construction as it is currently proposed, in your evaluation of this project.**

**Yours sincerely,**

**Frederick L. Von Karls, Ph.D  
Clinical Psychologist  
Claire G. Von Karls, LICSW  
Clinical Social Worker**



July 8, 2017

Pamela G. Moore, Administrator  
NH Site Evaluation Committee  
Suite 10  
21 Fruit Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee:

As a businessman and property owner along Rte. 116 in the Easton Valley, I am appalled at *Eversource's* complete disregard their contribution to declining property values and their wanton disregard for the health of current and future land owners along their "*preferred route*" through the White Mountains.

Their proposed used of *Coal Fly Ash*, an EPA designated Hazardous Material, will poison our soils and fowl our drinking water for generations to come. Not only will this affect our water wells, but here in the *aquifer recharge zone (the whole of Easton Valley)* these tainted waters will reach far and wide, running from the *Ham Branch* to the *Gale River*, then the *Ammonoosuc and Connecticut Rivers* on down to the *Long Island Sound and Atlantic Ocean*. Hydro Quebec has taught them well! Their dam projects in Quebec have poisoned both the *St. Lawrence Seaway* and the *Atlantic Ocean* with high levels of Mercury!

It is well known that coal ash contains toxic materials, especially heavy metals. "These metals can be harmful to aquatic life. Some of them accumulate and biomagnify in food chains."

Coal ash contains numerous hazardous chemicals, including arsenic, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, lead, mercury and selenium. The contaminants can cause cancer and damage the nervous system or other organs, especially in children. When coal ash comes into contact with water, these hazardous chemicals leach out of the ash and contaminate drinking water.

Despite these serious concerns our *State Government, Department of Transportation and the Department of Environmental Services* all appear to be in support of *Northern Pass/Eversource* literally tearing through the towns of Bethlehem, Franconia, Easton, Woodstock and beyond in the name of Corporate Profit.

This "taking" is unconscionable and cannot be allowed to happen under the proposed plan!

Sincerely,

**Kevin M. O'Brien**

Kevin M. O'Brien  
320 Eason Valley Road  
Easton, NH 03580

From: **Sugar Hill Inn** info@sugarhillinn.com  
Subject: Northern Pass  
Date: June 29, 2017 at 3:22 PM  
To: brendashannonadam@me.com



New Hampshire Site Selection Committee  
c/o Pamela G Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit St  
Concord, NH 033010

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

I own an elegant Bed and Breakfast on Rte. 117 in Sugar Hill. I am very upset to learn that the Northern Pass wants to dig and bury underground transmission lines under our scenic routes. Living and working in the North Country we depend on tourists to come view our wonderful area. We often encourage our guests to take drives along Rte. 116, 112, 302, etc. I suggest looking for alternate routes to dig. Not only are these scenic routes, they are also life lines for business and families; the delay that this can have on them

Warm regards,

Steven and Karen Allen  
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New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

June 7, 2017

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

I would like to voice my strong opposition to permits being issued for The Northern Pass Transmission Project (NP) that would allow the burial of power lines along Route 116, for the following reasons:

Our 200-year old vacation rental property on the portion of Rte. 116 will be severely compromised by the NP for the following reasons:

1. NP construction will seriously affect the view of the stunning landscape.
2. It has taken years to build up a steady clientele of repeat visitors but construction of the NP will destroy the peace and tranquility our vacationers have come to expect. New guests will not book.
3. Our customers enjoy visiting the yard sales and small businesses that dot the Rte. 116 landscape, but NP routes in question will experience fewer customers.
3. Our steady stream of repeat visitors has required great investment and taken years to develop.
4. These vacationers come to see wildlife. The NP will upset bird migration and disrupt wildlife patterns.
5. Our rental has been impeccably maintained, involving great investment. However, the NP will negatively impact the look of our property as trees will possibly come down, and the "old" look and feel of the landscape will be forever changed.
6. Despite on-going investment and renovations, we have managed to retain our rental's unique, old-fashioned charm. Visitors feel immediately comfortable--like their stepping back in time.
7. Based on maps and reports, construction on the NP will seriously impact our parking lot.

8. Limited parking on Rte. 116 will impact accessibility of guests, housekeepers, gardener, and maintenance contractors, and very likely put an end to our 50-year old vacation rental business.
9. Lack of income will end the 60-year old ownership of our 200-year old cherished home and property, as we will be unable to afford it.
10. If construction of the NP becomes a reality, we will lose rental income and not be able to continue our ownership of this property.
11. The ripple effect from the lack of income from our visitors to the local economy, will not go unnoticed.
12. The people we employ with our aggressive maintenance: painters, roofers, landscaper, carpenters, plumbers, etc., will all go away.
13. The NP will directly affect our income and our ability to exist in today's tight, competitive vacation rental business.
14. Our home, business, and childhood memories all shattered by the dust, dirt, and continuous roar of bulldozers and steam shovels.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Fultz  
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San Diego, CA 92128

Business letter to the NH SEC addressed to Pamela Monroe , June 30, 2017

To whom it may concern;

Northern Pass's currently, revised plans to build a HVDC transmission line through Franconia — under Main Street, the intersection at the Gale River bridge, along NH Route 116 and Route 112— should be rejected. The project's scope has been substantially changed. Local businesses will now face more congestion, noise, dust, vibration and more restrictions. Visitor access to local businesses, including my photography studio, will become more restricted for longer time periods.

Importantly the recently, revised program will now degrade unique and vital visual assets — the scenic quality of roadside landscapes seen from these highways. This project will now become a massive, roadside engineering site. Including staging areas, construction will now traverse along some 60 highway miles from Bethlehem to Plymouth. Tree coverage and vegetation along the roadsides in the Easton Valley, Lost River wilderness, National Forest and abutting landscape will be impacted everywhere along the construction route.

For generations visitors around the world have traveled to view White Mountain landscapes from these roadsides— priceless and timeless assets. Visual perspective - the perception of foreground against background - will be lost. Newly constructed roadsides will destroy this natural and unique viewing experience for generations.

Have Northern Pass accountants presented tangible estimates of local business and scenic impacts ? Have the actual number trees that will now be compromised been identified and counted? Have the visual impacts of re-engineered roadsides and abutting streams, wetlands, fields and woods been identified? Who will pay the cost of roadside landscaping, and other visual structures and features including, stone walls, fences wetlands, streams and fields along the construction route?

A future drive along Rt 116 will reveal a scorched roadside, degraded for generations, if blasting, excavation, tree removal and roadside engineering is permitted. In my opinion, local benefits that might accrue from the project will not add up to all the future costs incurred by local businesses in the Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill and Bethlehem business communities. Local business owners will now suffer longer interruptions during an anticipated construction period which has now been extended. The visual damage to scenic assets, however, will last generations.

G. Peter Grote  
Mountain Architecture Photography  
Franconia

June 30, 2017

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possible temporary road closures. If business is negatively impacted we may have to lay off some employees.

Polly's received weekly deliveries from twelve different vendors weekly whose deliveries and orders will be impacted by this proposed project. These vendors travel through Franconia and up Route 117 from the east. They will experience delays and possible loss of income due to decreased business.

With our recent rebuild, our mortgage has put us in a position where we are highly leveraged. If we cannot make our note due to business disruption, it will influence our banks' ability to loan to other local businesses. Woodsville Guaranty Branch Bank will also be effected by the dig as it is located right on the proposed route. It does not take an expert to realize that utility disruptions will affect all homes and businesses. Our business will suffer greatly if electricity, phone and cable/internet are disrupted not only during business hours but also in off hours. Being in the food business means that food safety is our number one concern. We rely on the coolers and freezers running 24/7.

We implore you to consider the negative long-term effects of this project on our small towns and businesses. Tourist will avoid the area, find other destinations to visit, and may not return for many years if at all. They are the lively hood of the bulk of Sugar Hill and Franconia area businesses.

Thank you for your consideration,

Katherine A. Côté

Polly's Pancake Parlor, Inc.



June 24, 2017

Dear NH Site Evaluation Committee,

I am a business owner on Rte 117 in Sugar Hill. We insure homes, autos, small businesses, secondary homes, condos and vehicles kept in NH. With the threat of northern pass RUINING this beautiful aspect of Northern NH, we are hearing of people leaving this area and trying to sell homes, primary and secondary homes, before the proposed raping starts. We are also hearing from second home owners that they are warning family and friends from purchasing second homes if this pillaging goes forward. Simply due to how this project it will affect the beauty, the wildlife, flora and fauna as well as the incredible views that bring tourists to spend **millions** of dollars to experience these offerings.

Concord has had a habit of forgetting the residents in Northern NH. BUT THIS? Northern pass obscenity of a project/electric company able to bribe officials that are charged with helping the residents of NH? Do you comprehend the true impact of lost revenue, for years into the future if not forever?

\*Money lost from lack of tourists visiting due to an unwanted construction project that will close roads, close businesses and most likely pollute the earth and water here for good.

\*Monies not there to fund the schools, property devaluations as well as families leaving the state, which will fully insure the lack of a thriving state economy, in fact most likely plummet this area into real poverty. Meaning, the State will need to shore up our families out of work, out of homes, school costs, ect. The impact has a straight and clear line of failing households, leading back to the State for assistance. Where will that money come from?

\*Monies not earned and sent to the State from Rooms and Meals taxes? Monies not spent in all the small businesses in Grafton County will be enormous and leave a heavy burden on the State.

\*Revenue from new auto state taxes. No businesses, no jobs, no new vehicle purchases, no new home starts and purchases!

\*Lost clean earth, water sources, wells, streams, rivers, fouling the environment with these burial procedures with pollutants...forever!

All of these lost revenues will adversely affect our business drastically! We are a small business depending on an economy here. IF the Northern Pass is allowed to dig its way through our area, we will suffer immensely, we are not the only small business that will barely survive if not fail.

No overhead towers, no buried lines through these pristine towns. I implore you to stop this insidious attack on our homes, businesses, forests, rivers, streams and small village roads. Protect us! If you must make a deal with the electric company, use the I93 corridor to run these lines. Eversource can afford it! The citizens and tax payers of Northern NH can't survive while you allow this project to jeopardize and pollute our Northern NH, your Northern NH!

  
Phil & Starcy Branch, Branch Insurance, PO BOX 909, Franconia NH 03580

July 8, 2017

Pamela G. Moore, Administrator  
NH Site Evaluation Committee  
Suite 10  
21 Fruit Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee:

As a local farmer in Easton, NH, working hard every day to create sustainable and organically grown products, I can't believe that *State Government, Department of Transportation and the Department of Environmental Services* all appear to be in support of *Northern Pass/Eversource* literally tearing through the towns of Bethlehem, Franconia, Easton, Woodstock and beyond in the name of Corporate Profit. This proposal will not only ruin all the work I have done over the past three years but potentially destroy all future opportunities on this farm!

As anyone living here in the Easton Valley knows, the water table is really quite high. The water runs off Mt. Kinsman, down the slopes to the valley floor; across the valley into the Ham Branch. There is no other option. That means that the flow from the slopes will pass through the *Coal Fly Ash* onto my land into my soil and water supply. What will that leave me with in terms of the organic products I want to sell to my customers?

Even if this material is not the hazardous product the EPA says it is, how will my customers react to the "*myth*"? Are they going to know the difference? Will they be willing to buy my products? How do I continue to build my farm and my future? Do I abandon my ability to earn a living for the sake of corporate greed? I don't think so! This is not a project that will return any value to the residents of New Hampshire let alone the residents of the Easton Valley.

This project cannot be allowed to continue under the current plan. We have to stop the Northern Pass!

Sincerely,

**Matthew L. O'Brien**

Matthew L. O'Brien

Bear Country Farms, LLC  
320 Easton Valley Road  
Easton, NH 03580

# TAMARACK

7/16/17  
To NHA. Site Evaluation Committee -

I am writing you to express my objection to the Northern Pass. I have opposed this project from the start, beginning with the seizure and devastation of Native American lands in Canada. I have attended numerous public hearing to try to understand the necessity of such an invasive project and what benefit would exist for New Hampshire residents only to leave those meetings angry + frustrated by the corporate tactics. Since the proposed route changes the Northern Pass project has become a source of acute personal stress and anxiety as it threatens the future of my family.

My parents bought a 300 acre farm on Route 116, Easton Valley Road, in Easton, in 1946, and <sup>it</sup> operates as a ski lodge, summer camp and venue for events year round. Over the past 65 years hundreds of families from around the world have enjoyed the unique beauty and peace of this special valley in the White Mountains.

11 EASTON ROAD, WHITE MOUNTAINS, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03590 - 603-852-2450

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~~Our busiest season is from mid May~~  
Our busiest season is from mid May through October with activities occurring on both sides of Route 116 throughout the day and evening. The main camp building as well as the sleeping cottages and seven tennis courts are located on the easterly side of Route 116. Our 'historic' barn and climbing wall (located 36' from the centerline of the road), soccer field, four tennis courts, basketball court and staff parking are located on the westerly side of Route 116.

The proposed construction of buried Northern Pass line down Route 116 would be devastating to our livelihood. The success of our business depends on our ability to provide a safe and peaceful environment for our patrons. This would be impossible with the approval of this project.

Please reject the project and protect my family and our future.

Joanne Miller

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From: **Pat Riendeau** pat@beautifulvisionsnh.com  
Subject: **Negative Impact**  
Date: June 18, 2017 at 4:50 PM  
To: **Brenda Shannon Adam** brendashannonadam@icloud.com

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

I own a small window cleaning business that is located in Sugar Hill, NH. We have been in business for 12 strong years! We employ six local adults, two that are raising families in the local area. Although we are a year round business, our busiest seasons are April - October which helps us carry through the slower winter months.

I am concerned that the proposed Northern Pass route will have a negative impact on my business which will affect myself as well as my employees and their families. I have several customers that live right on Routes 116 and 18 that will opt out of having their windows cleaned because of the dust that will be consistently present during the construction process. We have some very large commercial and residential customers that WILL decline to have there windows cleaned which will reduce our work load and may lead me to make the awful decision to lay employees off. In my 12 years in business I have only had to hire more help during our busy seasons, not let employees go.

We are obviously a mobile business so the impact of traffic is also a great concern of mine. Most of my customers are in Franconia, Easton and Sugar Hill. We travel on 116 and 18 every day and some days several times a day. All my employees get paid when travelling from one job to the other and I can not afford to pay them any extra "windshield time" that is created from the Northern Pass construction.

I have been successful with keeping my employees year after year for a number of reasons however the main reason is that I am able to provide them with plenty of work. This negative impact may result in my excellent employees finding work else where which I may never be able to replace.

Thank you,

Patrick Riendeau

Beautiful Visions Window Cleaning, LLC  
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www.beautifulvisionsnh.com

June 28, 2017

NH Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o of Pamela G Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee:

As a resident of Franconia, NH for 43 years, I am strongly opposed to the current Northern Pass plan to bury electrical cable on Rt 18, which is our Main St, and along Rt 116. I have the following concerns:

- Local businesses are on our Main St and depend heavily on summer and fall tourism. These businesses may not survive at least two years of construction work.
- Our local police, fire, and ambulance services are located on Rt 18 and their response to emergencies could be greatly affected by Northern Pass.
- Both the elementary school and high school are located on Rt 18. Transportation of students to and from school would be difficult for more than 5 months of each year that construction is in progress.
- The Franconia Post Office, Town Hall, and Lafayette Center Nursing Home are all located on Main St and would be affected by this project.
- I am concerned about the environmental impact of burying cable under the Gale River in the center of town and residents living along Rt 116 are worried about the impact on their property.
- Very little of the electricity generated by this project will be used in our area and Eversource stands to make big profits but **WE WILL PAY THE PRICE.**

We urge you to visit our area and see the problems for yourselves and to then reject the Northern Pass project.

Very truly yours,

Kathleen Mead

From: **Lost River Campground** jim@lostriver.com  
Subject: Northern Pass  
Date: June 22, 2017 at 9:04 AM  
To: brendashannonadam@me.com

New Hampshire Sire Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G Monroe, Administration  
21 s Fruit St, Suite 10  
Concord, NH, 03301

Dear SEC,

As the owner of a business which would directly impacted by the Northern Pass, I wish to voice my concerns. If the route chosen for the pass is one that runs down route 112, through North Woodstock, my business, the Lost River valley family campground would be severely impacted.

Our campground has been an established and loved one for multi-generational campers. It is not uncommon for us to have campers state they remember visiting with their grandparents or older parents. All mention they love the feel of the quiet, heavily wooded area back behind the parking lot. We have 138 sites plus 27 seasonal campsites up on the mountain.

Besides being a long standing campground, we get a large number of impulse campers. They like the idea of the heavily wooded, off the road sites. construction for 2 seasons will destroy that. Dust, noise and the potential for heavy construction equipment and moving the road will ruin this aspect of our business. Our "T" sites..the ones located behind our store will likely be uninhabitable during this period, along with the "primitive " sites. Who will want a primitive site when there is heavy road construction as their neighbor?

Our recreation area is located across the road from our main office. If there is major road construction and lane closure, then this will more then likely render this as closed as well. We will also lose part of the land for that as well. It will just not be safe to allow children to use our equipment. Nor will it be safe to allow access to the trail from the seasonal sites to the road if it ends at a bulldozer.

As mentioned by the Franconia Area Business Outreach, construction delays are expected to run from 7 am -7 pm. Our quiet hours for the campground are 10pm -8 am. So much for early morning quiet. One lane will be closed to traffic while construction is ongoing. My business, fronts route 112. We frequently have large 32' travel trailers that need to make turns into our parking lot by the store, or camping area behind it. Additionally, we have a private road (Harley's Mountain Rd.) about 2/10's of a mile down the road that provides access to our seasonal campground. Camp sites there can hold up to a 40' unit. If the road is limited to one lane access to these sites will be nearly impossible for our customers. Campers will no longer be able to make the turns to enter our lot to register and then exit and then access the campsite they have paid for. The severity will be further limited if the lanes are delineated by "jersey barriers."

I measured the suggest 33' so as to see where the suggested "right of wav" would fall on our



From: **Donna Kaye** donnakaye@earthlink.net  
Subject: **SEC letter**  
Date: **June 26, 2017 at 10:15 PM**  
To: **brendashannonadam@me.com**

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

June 26, 2017

Dear Site Evaluation Committee:

As a NH resident formerly of Dixville and now of Sugar Hill, I am writing to the SEC to voice my opposition to Northern Pass and most specifically to the burial of it in the Route 18 corridor from Bethlehem to Franconia, Route 116 Franconia to Easton, Route 112 East to North Woodstock, Route 3 South to Woodstock, and further south.

My husband and I have lived in NH for over 2 decades in areas which are almost exclusively dependent upon tourism. We had to move as business was drying up. We both lost our full time and part time sources of employment. We moved to this area and reinvented our sources of income based on our education, professional experience, variety of potential opportunities, and our personal interest in living here. I currently have 5 part-time employers (Cannon, White Mountain Attractions Association, New England Ski Museum, Polly's Pancake Parlor, and Mad River Glen, VT) and my husband is regionally self-employed and works out of the region for other employers. We participate in and are members of the area's chamber of commerces. When people comment on how many employers I have and how much I work, I respond that I am grateful to have employment and because full time work is almost impossible to find, it is necessary to work this way.

Quiet frankly, should Northern Pass come through NH in any way, I am confident that my employment will be greatly impacted in many negative ways, and I will be out of work again in any sustainable way. Moving further south in NH does not/would not improve our situation. We would most likely need to leave NH. I have zero confidence in this area retaining and sustaining any of the attributes that bring people here to "work, live, and play the NH way." Not because we the residents are not resilient but because the dollar competes with so many things. If the option is not easily and attractively available, the holder of that dollar quickly finds another way to spend it. The second leading business in NH is tourism. Business is Tourism. Tourists want NO BUSINESS with anything that is not worth their hard-earned discretionary dollar. This project now, then, and in the future has no attractive appeal to the people who travel and the people who work hard for those travelers. I fear that these towns will cease to exist just as goldmine towns, timber towns, oil field towns, and towns currently under water when dams flooded them (one example Flagstaff, ME) have disappeared. The dollars spent painstakingly by business and homeowners to create sustainable NH economy will go elsewhere and so will those property owners. Once the dust literally settles, it might be an affordable way to buy a home, but why would I because I wouldn't be working here. Our home items in our Franconia Storage Unit on Rt. 116 could be very dusty if not broken from the burial construction or relocated all together because the storage business would close.

My husband is a professional piano technician and musician. Both jobs often exist because his employers have "extra" money to pay for discretionary services. His businesses will be drastically reduced in this area. Many, many businesses are like his.

Please, do the right thing SEC, and do NOT allow this project to happen! The temporary jobs and their potential "benefit" to the local economy is not worth the lifetime cost of moving ahead with this project.

Submitted by July 1, 2017,

Donna Kaye D. Erwin  
580 Apartment Route 117  
Sugar Hill, NH 03586

Business member, Franconia Notch Region Chamber of Commerce: "Rick Erwin Piano Tuning and Music Services" of Sugar Hill  
Women's Rural Entrepreneurial Network (WREN) of Bethlehem business member  
White Mountain Area Attractions of North Woodstock employee

property if the Northern Pass construction would cross our property. It would cross directly across our main parking lot eliminating parking on the side of our store (approximately 8 spots) and then across the street it would basically eliminate our overflow parking area totally. We do not permit more than 1 vehicle /campsite. Any additional vehicles are parked out in our main lot or across the road. The removal of this area would be devastating to our business. Some weekends we have in excess of 40 extra vehicles parked outside our main gate.

Loss of this area would also financially impact the business as each vehicle is charged \$3.50/day plus and additional \$6.00 /person. Multiply per weekend or even 5 times/week and it is a substantial sum. These extra visitors also spend money in our store. They also bring extra cash into the North Woodstock, Lincoln and overall White Mountain recreational area as well. These are funds that are "easy funds" as in they are generated without having to do much..they come to visit or stay with folks already in the area...they are here and ready to spend and visit...BUT if the Northern Pass takes away easy access then the WHOLE AREA loses out from this...not just the campground..because these folks, eat, visit, and spend.

Three years ago, our campground was heavily impacted by a flash flood. It caused damage to our parking lot, store, camping areas in the loop and point areas, and especially on the sites directly behind the store. I mention this because for the entire camping season we were inundated by large amounts of raccoons. Their habitat was destroyed and impacted by the changes due to the storm. Areas previously used for nesting, feeding, etc were destroyed. To call them a nuisance, was a severe understatement. Each night, packs of them would raid campsites and wreck havoc. All because their habitat was altered. The next year, when we began construction on the seasonal sites, we had issues with bear.

In both instances, there is signage informing campers about proper food storage to avoid issues with problem wildlife. we do have bear proof dumpsters. Education is also done in person on campsites and in the store upon registration...unfortunately, that was not enough. My concern is, given the scope of the construction for the Northern Pass, what kind of wildlife issues will we face within the campground? Beyond the raccoon and bear, I have spotted lynx in the area, as well as fox and coyote. There is also moose between the campground and Lost River Gorge. It's nice for the campers to encounter nature, but not in a situation when it is 2 am and they are on the campsite.

If you use the 30' right of way as a standard, then we will be severely limited in our ability to maintain the standard with which we operate today.

I have read where interstate 93 has been designated as a utility corridor. I do not understand why if this is true it is not being used as such. Since the road already has a median that can be used or shoulders that can serve the purpose with little destruction to both the views and local businesses that this is the more viable option.

Again, I whole heartedly disagree with the plan to bury the Northern Pass on route 112 in the North Woodstock area. Not only would it disrupt my business, but it would disrupt the environment and local residents. I find the option short sighted, damaging to the environment, the local economy, and just a plain all around ignorant choice.

Sincerely,

James Kelly  
Owner,  
Lost River Valley Family Campground

**New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301**

**Dear Site Evaluation Committee,**

**I am writing in strong opposition to issuing permits to The Northern Pass Transmission Project (NP) that would allow the burial of power lines along Route 116.**

**I am a part owner and manager of Freeland Acres which has been family-owned for over 60 years. In 1954 our father, came to The White Mountains like so many others, drawn to the exceptional beauty and small town appeal found here.**

**Fast forward, our parents now gone, my siblings and I started a part-time rental business in order to hold onto the property. This we did and with enough success that hundreds of people have visited the North Country directly because of our efforts. Several of our guests have even given the ultimate approval by buying nearby property themselves. They came; they liked it; they stayed. A great and personal testament to the power of the rental industry. Our client base is one that has developed over many years. It is based on continuity and service. More than 40% of our rentals are repeat customers. Nothing would permit us to rent under the conditions described if the NP moves forward with their plans. It is not possible in good conscience to put any guest in the chaos that would be played out right outside our front door. With 6 seasons of loss revenue, our option is to shut up shop with little hope of reopening again.**

**After two years of the shutdown of our business, even our loyal clients would need to look elsewhere for their vacation**

plans and would probably be lost to us forever. Furthermore, should they come back, they may not be happy with what they would find here. In short: New Hampshire's loss will become Vermont's gain.

To recap -

**The damage to be done by the proposed Northern Pass Transmission Project is:**

- a long rental tradition would risk bankruptcy and unlikely to recoup
- the limited tourist dollar would NOT be spent in our area
- potential real estate sales would be lost - housing values will drop
- Vermont wins; NH tax payers will lose

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Freeland

Freeland Acres Country Home, LLC  
922 Easton Valley Road  
Easton, NH 03580

July 4<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day 2017

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee

c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator

21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10

Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

### Say GOODBYE to FRANCONIA VILLAGE

As I see it, we will be saying goodbye to what we see and do in the Franconia Village, if NORTHERN PASS is put through its proposed route.

The NP proposal needs space. This space will come from digging up things in its path:

- **Trees** along the sidewalk- the large Butternut, Maple, Pine, Spruce trees, and the beautiful Crab Apple trees, to name a few on Franconia's streets
- **Lawns** and **Signs** in front of homes, businesses, the library, and the museum,
- **Homes** who have no lawn
- **Park benches** along Main Street
- **War Memorial Rock** in front of the Abbie Greenleaf library
- **Small gardens and parks** placed to sit and relax
- **Wild Roses** and many **wild flowers** that grow naturally all along the Main Street and on the bank of the Gale River

Here is what will be curtailed, endured, adjusted or eliminated during the construction in Franconia Village:

- walking in town
- using the Dow Field for sports, musical events, concerts, etc
- walking to get your mail, or groceries
- going to get lunch at the local stores, restaurants, or café's

- an unobstructed view of Cannon or Mt. Lafayette from the Main Street
- walking to the library
- walking to church services / food pantry at the Church of Christ or to Mass at Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church
- our children will lose their in town freedom
- riding bicycles
- cemetery entrances and gates
- Triathlon events or bicycle races
- "Old Home Day Parade"
- "Halloween Parade"
- Tourists visiting many of our personal, retail, or commercial businesses

Some Residents of Franconia, Easton and Sugar Hill will find difficulty in:

- the dust and chemicals in the air, which may cause a higher than usual health risk to many afflicted with Asthma or cause Asthma to many others
- the need for extra time for travelling to the places they need to go
- the need for additional money for gas to spent on driving alternative roads and routes
- the additional time or adjustment needed by our school children and the schools to the curriculum and school activities
- the need to plan additional time for working members of our communities to get to and from their place of work
- the additional costs to Franconia's Budget arising from the need for increased working hours used by road crews, emergency, and police departments

CROSSING the Gale River:

No matter where Northern Pass crosses the river it will make a **significant impact**. We will lose no matter which route Northern Pass takes either through Route 18 from Bethlehem or via Route 141 from Bethlehem. The devastation at any point will create problems that could affect the ENVIRONMENT. The **Chemicals** used will make the **Environment and the Gale River one of our biggest losers.**

Depending on where the NP crosses the Gale River, it may affect one or all of these areas:

- Dow Field
- Stone Iron Furnace
- Sugar Hill Bridge
- World War II-the Church Street Bridge, Route 116
- Dow Avenue Bridge
- open fields, lawns, trees and wild roses and wild flowers throughout the rivrs edge
- alternate roads and back roads used to get to and from Easton, Sugar Hill and Franconia Village
- cemetery entrances and gates

In my opinion, the residents of Franconia, Easton and Sugar Hill do not need the extra stress on their health, their patience or any of the additional costs required for this project. It is for all of the reasons mentioned that I OPPOSE the NORTHERN PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Ball

P O Box # 2, 58 River Street

Franconia, New Hampshire 03580



June 29<sup>th</sup> 2017

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

My husband Robert Whitney Jr. came to Franconia just after WWII. He loved the beauty and serenity of this area dearly. He started a nice business and spent 65 years making Franconia and this area a beautiful destination.

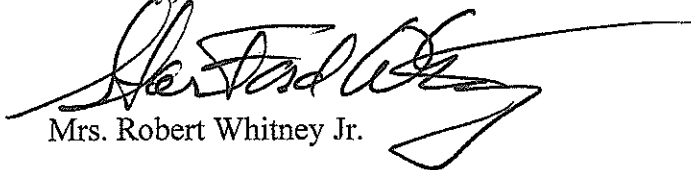
Bob was instrumental in the White Mountain School, the Genesis Nursing Home, Franconia College, the bike path through Franconia Notch and planting Maple trees in the town after the loss of all our magnificent Elm trees. He cared enough about this area to be circumspect about how growth and change needed to be done attractively to fit in and enhance our beautiful mountain town. Bob felt that the high towers through our forests would have devastated our beautiful scenery!

To continue with the plan to run the Northern Pass line through our town and down our streets and roads is a plan of disruption that only devious minds could even think of. The anger over having to have an alternate plan must be causing them to want to decimate our town and have no consideration for our community. It would take years to complete the underground construction plan and in the mean time, our community and businesses would suffer.

The least disruptive, least expensive and safest for our environment is for Northern Pass to use Rte 93.

Bob Whitney passed this Spring at the age of 96. It would be a shame to have 70 years of accomplishments potentially wiped out by the Northern Passes current plans.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Robert Whitney Jr.

**NH Site Evaluation Committee**  
**c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator**  
**21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10**  
**Concord, NH 03301**  
29 June 2017

Greetings,

As a small business owner in the town of Franconia, I am horrified and distraught that our state government is willing to compromise and turn a blind eye to our economic and environmental development. Operating a small business in Northern New Hampshire involves pooling all ones resources in order to result in success. The impact of the high voltage power lines, depreciation of our home & property value, destruction of potential logging & farming and most tragic the drop in tourism due to visual contamination will leave a scar on us as a community and a state.

I would hope that Concord could respect Northern New Hampshire's economics' obstacle's and stand with us instead of making it even harder to make a living in the north county.

Best,

Leigh B. Starer LLC  
Landscape  
Design Construction Installation  
Franconia, NH 03580

June 24, 1017

Franconia Hardware, Inc.  
334-C Main St.  
PO Box 905  
Franconia, NH 03580

NH Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit St, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Pamela G. Monroe:

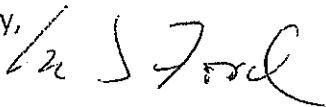
I am Michael Ford, second generation retail store owner. My concerns for Northern Pass coming down Main Street Franconia and passing possibly through the parking lot of my store are two-fold.

First the short term, the construction period will coincide with our busiest time of year, a time when we build a cushion financially to get us through a less productive winter period. Any delays to the access to our building of our customers could be devastating to us.

My second concern is to the long-term effect that this little understood NP soil system will have on our ground water and vice versa. Being so close to the Gale River our basement does take in ground water on a regular basis. Every spring and after a lot of rain the Gale will rise. This creates a tremendous buoyancy effect on anything below grade. I can give you timeline facts this has had on this building and surrounding properties over the last 50 years. I believe these underground vaults of NP will be under this pressure from time to time if located along the Gale River.

It is my hope that this information will help you to decide to deny Northern Pass permission to proceed as planned. If Northern Pass must pass through Franconia it should do so by the Interstate 93 Corridor and have a Performance Bond attached. Thank you for your interest in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael J. Ford, President  
Franconia Hardware, Inc.

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
To Pamela Monroe, Administrator July 17, 2017  
21 South Fruit Street Suite 10  
Concord NH 03301

I own a year round rental cottage  
at the corner of Wells Road and  
Rte 116 in Franconia, N.H.

The cottage is less than 20 feet from  
the edge of the pavement of Rte 116.

The latest plan and details of the  
federal HVDC line will make the  
cottage uninhabitable during construction  
due to noise, dust, constant traffic  
and nearby drilling under a stream.

The cottage will not be accessible nor  
will the parking spot for my tenants  
car.

Who is going to find acceptable alternative  
housing for my tenant during this  
disruption and who will pay for it -  
and pay me for loss of rent?

I expect there will be damage to  
the foundation of the building - and  
also to the propane line into the  
cottage itself.

Instead of receiving the rent which helps on real estate taxes and repairs, I will end up with a damaged cottage which will NOT BE RENTABLE.

I do not think anyone will be willing to rent a house whose bedroom will be within approximately 10-12 feet from the NUDE bared ledge - You (NP) say there is no health risk. Others disagree. But the general common opinion that it IS DANGEROUS - will stop all interest in renting even after burial is completed.

There will also be damage to the trees, and landscaping, and who will replace the dead trees, and any privacy they grant?

Mary Spier Grote  
955 Wells Road  
Franconia, NH 03580

From: **cornelia lorentzen** cmlorentzen@gmail.com  
Subject: NP  
Date: June 30, 2017 at 7:36 AM  
To: brendashannonadam@icloud.com  
Cc: Joseph Kenney joseph.kenney@nh.gov

To whom it may concern,

The so called Northern Pass will absolutely not pass through the villages of Easton, Franconia, and Sugar Hill. If it comes anywhere near here it will be buried in I-93.

Tourism, a 4 billion USD per year industry in New Hampshire, is the lifeblood of this area because of the extraordinary natural beauty that surrounds us. Our lives in this extraordinary beauty are leavened with the extraordinary difficulty of survival. Thomas Boise killed his horse and crawled inside the beloved dying beast to survive one bitter winter night. We all know the story as a very real cautionary tale of life above the Notch.

I have spent nearly 2 million USD, and much more importantly, my blood, sweat, and tears over two plus years to open one of the most innovative hotels in the nation and now that I have a little free time I will absolutely not allow a universally loathed Canadian monopoly to run roughshod over our land.

Three generations of my family rest in the local graveyard. I am raising my child here. The Northern Pass will run elsewhere or not at all.

As God is my Witness.  
Cornelia Lorentzen, innkeeper, All Ways Inn, 729 Main Street, Franconia, NH  
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Sent from my iPad

From: **Mike Hern** [meri@mmhern.com](mailto:meri@mmhern.com)  
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**Subject:** Letter to committee on northern pass  
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**CC:**

New Hampshire SITE Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee:

My husband and I have owned and operated a small Inn and catering business in Sugar Hill for the past 33 years.

We rely on tourism for our Inn.

If the Northern pass is allowed to do construction on Routes 302, 18, 116, 112 and 3, it will directly affect our income and occupancy rate negatively.

The amount of time this project would require to complete could reduce our business to a point where we could lose it altogether.

We have spent many years of hard work to achieve our modest success and it would break our hearts to lose all of this for a project such as Northern Pass.

Our guests come to stay here for peace, quiet and scenery.

This will all be destroyed if this project is allowed to proceed on these proposed routes.

Please do not allow this to happen to us and our neighbors.

Sincerely,

Meri Hern  
9 Norton Lane  
Sugar Hill NH  
03586

[meri@mmhern.com](mailto:meri@mmhern.com)

June 30, 2017

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 So. Fruit St, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

We, the board of the Lafayette Recreation Committee strongly oppose Northern Pass's decision to bury its transmission cable through our communities. Our mission is to provide recreational opportunities for adults and children from Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton. We partner with the Lafayette and Profile school districts, Chamber of Commerce and Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country including other recreational entities.

Our focus is directed at the disruption and significant delays placed on families, participants, tourists and employees alike of getting to and from an event or activity navigating the maze of construction equipment and detours along the proposed route.

The NP project as proposed with its planned 2 year construction period from April to November would seriously curtail and interfere with many of the programs we provide in accessing venues via Rts 116 & 18. Biking, baseball, basketball, swimming, lacrosse, hiking, soccer, intramural activities all rely on these byways including Old Home Day festivities and parade, concerts and road races. Many of these activities generate revenues from food sales and donations reducing the dependency on our taxpayers.

We also want to be on record of our strong opposition to the potential prospect by Eversource proposing to transverse the Dow Park as an alternative to impacting the Rts 18 & 116 intersection, a multiple use complex where a variety of our programs are held, not to mention tournaments, weddings and family gatherings.

We urge the SEC to take in consideration the serious long term implications of this project on one of this state's picturesque gems, the Easton Valley. There are other options, please reject this project as proposed.

Respectively,

Matt Koehler, Chair  
Adam Boyer, Vice Chair  
Gordy Johnk  
Meghan McPhaul  
Launa Glover  
Haley Ireland  
Frank Pinter  
John Hynes



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422 PLANTATION ROAD  
FRANCONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03580

June 27,2017

The Honorable Christopher T. Sununu, Governor  
State of New Hampshire  
State House, Concord, NH 03301

Dear Governor Sununu:

I would be remiss if I did not weigh in on the Northern Pass.

Simply stated, it is not right for New Hampshire. I will not get “deep into the weeds” with details. I am certain you and your staff are well informed.

Those supporting the Northern Pass suggest that it will have a positive impact on New Hampshire’s economy. In the short term, I could agree that they are correct. In the long term, nothing can be further from the truth. Once the construction is completed, local jobs, and their positive financial impact, will be gone. We will be left with physical changes to our infrastructure that we will have to live with, including, but not limited to:

- Increased expense to maintain adjacent non-electric infrastructure and surrounding property including roads, bridges and water distribution lines.
- Potentially life-threatening exposures to local Public Safety Officials should a problem occur within or adjacent to the transmission lines
- Public health hazards, some known and some not yet determined that could effect the health of our citizens

This project is of no direct benefit to The State of New Hampshire as the liabilities far outweigh the assets, and when in reality the “cheap clean hydro power” benefits others and not the Granite State.

I ask that you reconsider your position of support for this project.

Best regards,

Bill

William L. Mead SR, Paramedic  
Chief (retired), Franconia Fire Department

Tom Allen and Louise Gregoire-Allen  
121 Church Street (Rte. 116)  
PO Box 62  
Franconia, NH 03580

June 30, 2017

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Sight Evaluation Committee:

With all due respect we wish to express our deep concern regarding the Northern Pass project and how it will impact us personally, will impact other individuals in the north country of NH. and alter the quality of life in our communities.

We live in a 1830's house we have restored over the past 25 years on Route 116 in town Franconia. In addition to the safety and long term health concerns of 1,000,000 volts of electricity 30 feet from our bed, there is little doubt that Northern pass will have a significant negative impact on the value of our property (the U.S. Department of Energy, in its draft Environmental Impact Statement, said property values could be impacted). Our home represents our life savings.

The short and long term aspects of the construction of the Northern Pass power line will disrupt community life and commerce in the town of Franconia for several years. This will impact residents but will also likely discourage visitors to Franconia. Just as Franconia will be affected, all other area towns will suffer the same disruptions and economic loss.

There does not appear to be any common good or community benefit to the Northern Pass project beyond profits for several corporations. If indeed Northern Pass is essential to the future of New England there are alternatives to the current route plan that would be safer and have fewer negative impacts on communities and individuals in the New Hampshire north country.

Thank you for your time,  
Tom Allen and Louise Gregoire-Allen  
Alpenglo2@gmail.com

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New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed burial of the Northern Pass transmission line along Route 18 in Sugar Hill.

Several years ago I bought a nice, flat parcel on Route 18 in a mixed-use neighborhood to expand my woodworking business. As the details of the proposed burial of Northern Pass became evident, I realized that there would be significant personal impact.

During the construction phase, there would be daily disruption to my livelihood. I rely on easy access to my workshop not just for personal use, but for clients and suppliers as well. Road closures and delays will have a significant negative impact, creating inefficiencies and loss of business.

As you continue to review the proposed project, please remember that the people who live and work in the affected communities will face daily hardships that could have a lasting impact long after the construction phase is complete.

Sincerely,

Dan Kenerson, Owner  
Salmon Hole Woodworks, LLC

From: **cornelia lorentzen** cmlorantzen@gmail.com  
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Date: June 30, 2017 at 7:48 AM  
To: brendashannonadam@cloud.com  
Cc: **Joseph Kenney** joseph.kenney@nh.gov

To whom it may concern,

As I write this to you my brand new restaurant Plain Kate's Riverside Saloon is hiring our very first staff. I anticipate once fully scaled up we will be one of the more important employers in Easton, Franconia, and Sugar Hill, also drawing from Linwood, Woodsville, Haverhill, and of course Littleton. Nearly three hundred hungry folk can be served at any one time. We are entirely handicap accessible and prefer local vendors.

I, our staff, our vendors, and our patrons universally oppose the proposed plan for Northern Pass to cross through Easton, Franconia, and Sugar Hill.

The monetary cost to my business at best guess would run into the millions of USD. The environmental and human community damage is incalculable.

I sympathize with the desire to avoid dealing with the DOT regarding I-93. Recently I had to. However, that will be better than fighting us forever. We live here. We care. The Northern Pass will absolutely not run through Main Street Franconia. It will go elsewhere or not at all.

As God is my Witness

Cornelia Lorentzen, restaurateuse, Plain Kate's Riverside Saloon, 729 Main Street, Franconia, NH

Sent from my iPad



**FOOD TO FUEL YOUR ADVENTURES!**

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July 1, 2017

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

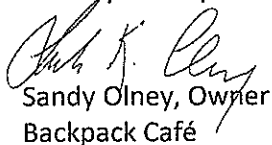
Dear Committee Members,

I write today as the owner of Backpack Café located at 334 Main Street, Franconia, NH. Backpack Café is a very small coffee and sandwich shop which has been at this location, formerly as Mojo Headquarters, since 2009. We currently employ 2 full-time and 4 part-time staff.

The proposed Northern Pass Project and its route directly beneath Main Street, Franconia is of substantial concern to me as the owner of a Main Street, Franconia business. Backpack Café relies solely on customer visits to our location and cannot afford any interruption or even a challenge to customer access to our storefront. Franconia is a small town with a small and delicate balance to the businesses barely eeking a living from their Main Street locations. A shutdown of our Main Street will be catastrophic to our tenuous Main Street economy.

I am strongly opposed to this project, its proposed route, and the harm it will cause to Franconia and other North Country towns.

Thank you for your consideration,

  
Sandy Olney, Owner  
Backpack Café

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Subject: letter for NP site evaluation committee  
Date: July 1, 2017 at 5:22 PM  
To: **Brenda Shannon Adam** brendashannonadam@icloud.com

July 1, 2017

FROM:  
Tova Cohen, Telecommuter  
114 Iron Foundry Road  
Franconia NH 03580

TO:  
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

I am writing to say that plans for the Northern Pass project might force us to move away from Franconia. We can live anywhere we want because both my husband and I work from home for software companies and require only an internet connection to do our jobs. Although our employers are elsewhere, we live here and contribute to the local economy as do all telecommuters.

We choose to live in Franconia because it is peaceful, clean and provides a beautiful place for all our outdoor activities. We cannot imagine enduring a minimum of two years of construction, noise and traffic on our beloved roads.

Our children and grandchild live elsewhere. The local serenity keeps us here. If that is disrupted for two years, and might be disrupted longer than that, we would likely leave the area. Can the NH economy afford to permanently lose people like us? I think not.

Please stop Northern Pass.

Sincerely,

Tova Cohen  
Franconia

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

We at Franconia Community Church of Christ are concerned about the proposed Northern Pass Project. We are opposed to the project using our property for a project which we believe will have a negative impact on tourism in the area. In addition to inconveniencing the members and friends of the church and the beneficiaries of the Good Neighbor Food Pantry during the project, we fear that the church and local businesses will suffer from long-term negative impact on tourism from the project in our area. For these reasons we are opposed to the Northern Pass Project as currently proposed.

Sincerely Yours.

Robert Owen Williams, chair of the board of deacons

**Darlene A. Gray  
333 Rabbit Path Road  
Landaff, New Hampshire 03585-5110**

**July 1, 2017**

**New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301**

**Dear Site Evaluation Committee:**

**I write to both thank the Site Evaluation Committee for its past efforts and ask for the SEC's continued support of all the state's residents, but especially on behalf of all towns who have yet to fully recover from the last recession.**

**If Hydro-Quebec were granted permission for its transmission line proposal of Northern Pass, it would be a blue-print for financial and environmental risk and those risks are just too high to be seriously entertained. Additionally, the revenues from the tourist industry to the state coffers to conduct 'business as usual, (replacing roads, bridges and infrastructure, and providing increased funding for education to all schools) would decrease considerably and could likely cause ECONOMIC DEVASTATION.**

**The Towns of Franconia, and Sugar Hill, New Hampshire have still not fully recovered from the last recession, and a project such as Northern Pass, would bring further economic slow-down, the likes of which have never been seen or felt before. Allowing any other country financial gain over and above the financial security of any New Hampshire town or business would be counter productive for the state and its citizens; who would be negatively impacted for generations to come if the Northern Pass project were allowed to come and alter the landscape, our way of life and business owners' rights to conduct 'business as usual' for generations to come.**

**Whereas: business owners, residents and tourists alike traverse the highways of Interstate 93; Route 116; the old, Three-Mile Road south of Franconia, and**



**Route 117 from Franconia to Sugar Hill, New Hampshire and on to Route 302 in Lisbon, New Hampshire, the SEC must be honest and forthright when decreased tourist traffic to these areas could force premature closure of businesses, with employees being let go for lack of funds to pay them a decent wage whereas they could contribute to the local economy and beyond.**

**Tourists and summer or winter residents boast of how great the sights, sounds and senses of the Franconia Notch and Sugar Hill area create a calmness only the mountain vistas can provide. Many come back year after year and most of our retirees are from other states – providing additional income from realty sales with property taxes to keep townships financially solvent. Visitors to our region generate the necessary word-of-mouth advertising that guarantees future financial security and the state revenues to keep flowing.**

**It is of vital importance that the environmental integrity of the entire Connecticut River Valley, beginning at the Gale River in Franconia, New Hampshire, and down the entire state of New Hampshire, be protected.**

**The latest flash flooding of area towns brings into question the placement of cement pipes, and vaults that could literally be wiped away by future flash flooding, causing possible chemical contamination and taking with it the environmental integrity of not just the village of Franconia, but all the towns along the Connecticut River Valley Watershed that are down-stream from the Gale River in Franconia. The Northern Pass Project, without due considerations for humanitarian and environmental impact, and resulting financial burden, must not be allowed to ultimately detour the state's common good.**

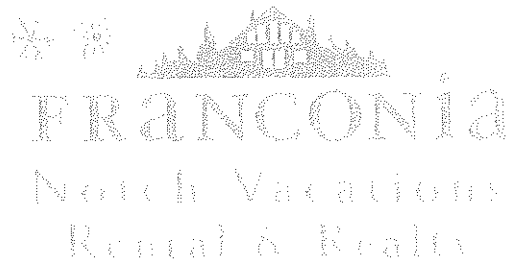
**The businesses of Cannon Mountain Ski area; The Franconia State Park's venues; The Old Man of the Mountain's Memorial site; Mac's Market; True ValueHardware; The Dutch Treat; Best Western Inn; Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank; Presby Construction; Best Western, The Franconia Inn; The Horse & Hound; Lovett's Inn, Mittersill; and in Sugar Hill, New Hampshire: Polly's Pancake Parlor; The Sugar Hill Sampler (Gift Shop & Museum); Sugar Hill Inn; Sunset Hill Inn; Harman's Country Store; and all would ultimately suffer financial loss, not gains, if Northern Pass were allowed to 'come to town'. Hundreds of employees would see their pay checks shrink and/or disappear altogether if Hydro-Quebec's Northern Pass project were allowed to bring electric power to those south of the Notches. Ultimately, the revenues once generated from the White Mountain Region's tourism trade would decrease to the point of our area being further financially isolated from**

**the rest of the state. Some of our roads are still waiting to be redone after fifty years of vehicle use. We are still lacking internet connections necessary to be successful when having an established business or when kick-starting a new business. Businesses help do their part to help grow the state's economy, and Northern Pass would further interrupt the ability to provide the revenues needed from tourism to allow New Hampshire's economy to grow.**

**Please, consider what Northern Pass and its Pipeline Project would do to New Hampshire's overall economic and environmental health and wellness before deciding the future of its citizens.**

**Sincerely,**

**Darlene A. Gray  
Citizen Journalist, Maternal Health Advocate & Educator, Author**



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June 30, 2017


New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

I would like to voice my strong opposition to permits being issued for The Northern Pass Transmission Project (NP) that would allow the burial of power lines along New Hampshire Routes 116, 112 & 3 for the following reasons:

1. The scope of work being suggested will destroy our economic vitality during that same period, which includes our busiest-most-valuable time of year. The project would in-effect destroy our business, which is that of tourism for the purpose of experiencing natural beauty where by our guests are here to rest, relax and rejuvenate "while escaping development".
2. Our region's visitors are quite resistant to and non-accepting of change, to which this project will certainly cause. The damage of loss extending beyond the period of construction is *all* so likely.
3. Our region's visitors are also not forgetful. In that one year's worth of un-expected or even expected heavy construction, let along two, will send them to never return.
4. We live, work & play here! Recall NH's having a large push for economic vitality & sustainability by way of the state's initiative, "Live - Work- Play!" This project goes directly against these efforts by potentially destroying one of the key leisure and recreation corridors in our area, which is Rte 116 from Franconia Town Center to Rte 112, Wildwood area of Easton.
5. Heavy industry such that this project in the making is, as well as will be in its completion, truly is simply not appropriate above or below the grounds in the Easton Valley and its surroundings.
6. Loss of the ability to complete our work. If what-ever any such business would remain, in that our work crews who use Rte 116 heavily would be caused undue unrecoverable costs in time to the degree that work would become impossible. Or too costly in time to produce as necessary.
7. Simply-finally said, our business model will not sustain such disruptions over a 2 year period. Thus the closure of a 35 year entity & area resource being the real true and likely result.

So as a board of deciders, you hold the power to save NH's North Country and large portions of its long time developed and sought after Tourism business, for which our 287 Main St, Rte 116 Franconia NH Business would be as so destroyed by the approval(s) of any work along the above mentioned routes. Thank you for your considerations in levying a "No" decision on this.

Sincerely,  
Cort Rousseff   
Owner-Broker-Manager  
Franconia Notch Vacations

The Franconia Notch Area's Professional Vacation Rental Specialists,  
287 Main Street & PO Box 605, Franconia, NH 03580

Steve Sabre  
Po 465  
Franconia, NH 03580

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July 5, 2017

**New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee**

**C/O Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator**

**21 Fruit Street, Suite 10**

**Concord, NH 03301**

Dear Ms. Monroe,

My wife, Laura and I are longtime residents and business owners in the town of Easton. We would like to communicate our concerns about the impacts the current proposed Northern Pass route would have on our businesses.

I am a contractor. My long established clientele are in both the Lincoln/Woodstock and Franconia/Sugar Hill areas. The route's construction process will disrupt my travel to clients in either direction. It will make it difficult to get materials to job sites as well.

My wife has a rental house on Route 112 in Easton that caters to short term renters: tourists, hikers and skiers. The construction process will make travel to the rental and from the rental to the area attractions difficult for our guests. The noise and upset will deter renters from our place which is noted for its quiet location, yet easy accessibility to area attractions.

The Proposed route will adversely affect our bottom lines!

It seems that the communities and businesses that have the greatest adverse impacts from the project will see the smallest benefits. I suppose with the projected \$18/year savings on our electric bill, we will be able to take the family out to dinner... at McDonalds!

Sincerely,

Steve and Laura Sabre

Pinestead Farm Lodge

2059 Easton Rd

Franconia, NH 03580

## Opposition to the Northern Pass Along Route 116 in Franconia/Easton, NH

Pinestead Farm Lodge has been taking guests since 1899. The farm itself has been in the same family for 8 generations. The Northern Pass along route 116 in Franconia and Easton, NH will have an adverse impact on our tourist business, our farming endeavors and on our own lives.

Guests come to Pinestead to sit on our front porch and enjoy the view of the field and the hill across the street. They watch the cows in the fields, the wildlife, and they enjoy the quiet. During the actual construction of the Pass we stand to lose most, if not all, of our lodge business because we will not be able to offer the amenities they come to stay with us for. We simply cannot stay in the lodging business with little or no income for the duration of the project. Even if construction is not in front of our lodge itself, the traffic flow will be severely hindered. Which applies to our farming business as well. We grow produce to sell to the public by way of Pinestead Farm Stand located on the lodge property. This relies heavily on "drive-by" traffic. Since we are 4 miles away from the town of Franconia, even our local customers will not drive that far out, through construction, to purchase some vegetables.

Pinestead Farm Lodge got its name from the pine trees that are scattered all around our farm. The tall pines on our front lawn are in jeopardy of being damaged, or even destroyed, if the proposal for a ROW extends as far from the pavement as has been suggested.

The effect on the other side of the road from the lodge is just as damaging. We are an active farm. We raise beef cattle and sell the meat. We use our front field for hay, which helps to sustain the herd throughout the year. Any loss of land to the proposed location of the Pass will limit the yield of hay we have come to rely on.

The Northern Pass will be a true financial burden on all of us at Pinestead Farm Lodge. Currently, 4 families live on, and work, at the lodge or on the farm. We cannot sustain any lost revenue for the period of time that is necessary to complete this project. This is our livelihood and our way of life. We want it to continue to be so for many more generations to come.

Thank you for taking your time to consider the impact the Northern Pass will have on our business.

Kathleen Achorn

Sherburn

Farm Lodge)

(owner Pinestead

21 South Fruit St. Suite 11  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

## Northern Pass Transition Project

The construction of Northern Pass into our town and street (Route 18 North) where our property is located would represent an economic hardship on my business. **It could not be open during the construction on Route 18.** Access to the business parking lot, and our home, is directly off route 18. During the construction access to our property could be restricted or eliminated from one to five days while the trench or vault is excavated and built. Economic loss for my business could range from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00.

Another casualty of the project would be our beautiful hand carved business sign with an estimated value of \$3000.00 to \$5000.00. The sign attached to the posts is located about twelve inches from the side of the sidewalk. We would have to cover or remove the sign during construction.

Another issue is the exact location of the proposed transmission line, except in their ROW (right of way) along route 18. On August 4, 2016, Northern Pass drilled a geotechnical bore hole in front our property. The drilling took two and one-half hours and was accompanied by a great deal of noise, dust and vibrations through the ground. There were so many drilling equipment pieces and trucks that they occupied the whole route 18 boundary of our property which is approximately 160 feet. This was for one small bore hole! Multiply this by the equipment needed to dig 2' by 3' trenches and cement vaults.

You asked about the economic damage to our business and I explained. But there is so much more damage that could occur. What about the noise of drilling and digging creating dirt, dust and the destructive vibrations through the ground to our homes? What about the large number of digging equipment, trucks and people needed to operate them? Where will their Porta Potty's be located? Will the work vehicles be left on the street or removed each night?

Will there be an onsite supervisor to meet with property owners, answer their questions and protect their property rights? Will there be a town representative to protect our rights? Who will pay for damage to our property? What about physical and mental damage to people from the construction and what about the potential damage to our 60-75 year old maple tree fronting our property?

If the town of Franconia submits to this project and settles with Northern Pass, who will look after the welfare of residents living on route 18 and 116? The town? The selectman? The police? I doubt it!

Thank you,

Plough Wind Antiques  
Jean and Barton Sauls  
POB 774,  
35 Main Street  
Franconia, NH 03580  
603-823-9571



New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

For multiple generations, my family has owned and operated a famous hotel and guest houses in Sugar Hill, Peckett's on Sugar Hill, site of "The First Ski School in America". Individuals and their families come/come from all over the world to enjoy the beauty and tranquility of Sugar Hill and The White Mountains, and to this day we have repeat customers who come here specifically for all that it offers.

The thought of having the Northern Pass project, and all the disruption, noise, traffic delays it represents, come through this beautiful area is extremely upsetting and will definitely discourage people who come here specifically to enjoy the beauty, wildlife, and tranquility, and therefore will have a negative impact on our business and everything this community has to offer.

We would like to strongly encourage the use of the other available options for the Northern Pass project.

Thank you for your consideration,

Peckett's on Sugar Hill  
Ron & Wendy Cole  
781 Lovers Lane  
Sugar Hill, NH 03586

Doug Grant  
69 Main Street  
Franconia NH 03580  
7-6-2017

NH Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, ADMINISTRATOR  
21 S. Fruit St, Suite 10  
Concord NH 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

My driveway serves 3 businesses -- the Franconia Children's Center, the Nursing Home (deliveries and staff parking), and my apartment building. Based on what little I know about the plans to dig on Rte 18, I fear for my tenants' safety, access to their apartments, noise from construction, and damage to trees, sidewalk and my lawn. One of the amenities I provide is the ability to sit peacefully on the front porch and enjoy the soft sounds of the Gale River. Can anyone put a value on that?

I will let the Nursing Home and the Children's Center speak for themselves, but their requirements cannot be ignored.

Given the nuisance value of the planned activities, I am very doubtful that I will be able to find replacement tenants if any of them leave while construction proceeds. Who would want to live in a construction zone?

I would like you to send me the detailed plans for construction in my exact area. I have never heard from Eversource or its minions about these plans.

Sincerely yours,

Doug Grant

From: **Ken Ford** lucasandford@gmail.com  
Subject: SEC  
Date: June 24, 2017 at 1:52 PM  
To: brendashannonadam@me.com

NH Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee:

Please consider the devastating effect the proposed Northern Pass would have on villages along the often crowded route. The economic impact on the Franconia region would be enormous, as we are so heavily dependent upon the tourism which the State of NH itself aptly promotes on its website. Two or more "tourist seasons" lost to construction and traffic delays would not be survivable to some local businesses.

Safety and public health concerns loom large: there are two public schools, a large pre-school and a nursing home along the proposed route. What happens when ambulances or emergency vehicles need to get to them fast?

Will Northern Pass be required to post a performance bond to assure that the villages along the route (and or the State of NH) is not left with an unfinished project, or future emergency maintenance concerns should there be a natural disaster (flood?) especially near the Gale River junction.

Please require Northern Pass to re-submit their application and use the designated energy corridor along I-93, which runs parallel to the proposed route through our historic and scenic village!

Sincerely,  
Linda L. Ford  
Franconia, NH

To the SEC board of New Hampshire:

I am an abutting home owner and my business is also on the proposed Northern Pass route. My Inn, the Franconia Inn, and my home is on Rt 116 in Franconia. I have owned and operated the Franconia Inn since 1981, which means I'm close to retirement, as are a lot of the business owners along the Northern Pass proposed route. Nearly all of the businesses that will be negatively impacted by the two year plus destruction of our roadway are directly in the tourism business or they rely on the economic success of those of us on the front line in our tourism industry.

We will be greatly harmed by the two plus years of disruption to our roadway, our main street, and our way of life. And those of us nearing retirement will be doubly harmed, in that we don't have many remaining work years to recover from this proposed disruption of our businesses and communities.

There will be no hiding from this economic disaster, all of the tourism websites and social media will fully report on the disruption. In the White Mountain tourism business, we sell beauty, nature, pristine greenery, and relaxation in our small mountain villages. People come to us to escape urban noise, traffic, and all the ugliness of the construction and destruction that goes on in cities. They will be very disinclined to visit us when the Northern pass project rips us apart.

Please ponder these simple questions. If you knew that your favorite vacation place in the White Mountains was going to be temporarily torn up, would you not skip a visit until the mess was cleaned up? If you are a new visitor to the White Mountains, would you want to visit any of the places that were under construction/destruction from the Northern Pass corridor? If my favorite Caribbean vacation spot was going to be torn apart for a couple of years, I would surely choose another place until the mess was over.

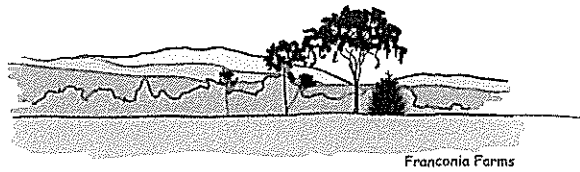
Circling back to my retirement plans and the retirement plans of the many business owners along our dreaded corridor, we will experience painful economic contraction right when we should be enjoying our most prosperous work life. The cause of our economic strife will not be because of poor business planning on our part, or some freak act of mother nature. It will be because you decided we were expendable.

One last point, there are no negotiated benefits to those of us who will be severely impacted. There are no little perks thrown to us, like an attractive bike/walk path along the corridor, or burial of the local power lines, or a significant electric rate reduction for the abutters and their communities.

Please do the right thing and stop this, too many of us will be severely impacted. A better deal can be had, reject this one, there have to be many other less invasive options.

Sincerely, Richard Morris

The Franconia Inn  
1172 Easton Road  
Franconia, NH



Walter Palmer  
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Franconia, NH 03580

NH Site Evaluation Committee  
21 S. Fruit St, Suite 10  
Concord NH 03301

July 8, 2017

Subject: Northern Pass Negative Impact on Businesses

Dear Site Evaluation Committee Members;

I am writing as a member of the business community in Franconia, NH to express my strong opposition to the Northern Pass project as proposed. I urge you to take the only supportable action with regard to the Northern Pass application, and deny Northern Pass a Permit for Site and Facility.

My wife and I own and operate an approximately 120-acre farm in Easton Valley, just south of Franconia. We mow hay and raise livestock, including beef cattle, sheep, pigs, turkeys, chickens, and ducks, for the local market. Our operation is organic, the cattle and sheep are grass-fed, and the pigs and poultry are pasture-raised and free-range. Our business plan is to produce the purest, healthiest, and most delicious meat and egg products possible, for a discerning clientele who seek contaminant- and hormone-free, organically raised food. After five years of developing our farm, livestock herds, and business, we have just this year begun to sell product. It has been a long period of hard work and heavy investment from our life savings, but it has been a labor of love.

We chose Easton Valley as the location for our venture because of its beauty, pristine environment, peace and quiet, and abundance of pure water flowing above and below ground from an undisturbed watershed in the adjacent White Mountain National Forest (WMNF).

Being in the Easton Valley, we have NH Rte. 116 running through the middle of our farm. Northern Pass Transmission (NPT) now proposes to install its power line

cable underground within the right-of-way (ROW) of this section of Rte. 116. Northern Pass as currently proposed would therefore run right through the middle of our farm. In doing so, the Northern Pass project as proposed would completely undermine and probably destroy our business.

The greatest and most unacceptable impact that Northern Pass would have on our farm would be the contamination of ground and possibly surface waters. NPT has only recently revealed that it intends to incorporate coal fly ash in the backfill material that would be used to fill the trench containing the buried underground cable. This trench would be seven feet deep and four feet wide. In portions of my farm through which the trench would pass, the shallow water table is only approximately two to three feet below the ground surface, during the driest part of the year. This means that NPT would submerge a four-foot wide deposit of coal fly ash material permanently, four to five feet down into my shallow aquifer. Because of the orientation of Rte. 116 in Easton Valley, the Northern Pass trench would transect the entire aquifer as it flows down out of WMNF onto my farm.

Coal fly ash is known to contain numerous contaminants, primarily heavy metals, which are carcinogenic or otherwise toxic to humans and other organisms. These contaminants include arsenic, mercury, lead, cadmium, and a number of additional metals. Numerous damage cases have been documented by the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), demonstrating that when coal fly ash is deposited into the soil environment the toxic contaminants do inevitably leach out, and migrate into the surrounding groundwater.

The coal fly ash backfill material that NPT proposes to deposit in its trenches would be unconsolidated and porous. The ground water would rush into it as soon as it is deposited into the aquifer, and would flow through it and back out of it again with normal groundwater flow. Toxic heavy metal contaminants would definitely leach from this fly ash material and form a contaminant plume in the aquifer on my farm downgradient from the Northern Pass project, if ever NPT were to be permitted to carry out this proposal.

I rely on water from the shallow aquifer on my farm to water my livestock. NPT's proposed scheme to use toxic coal fly ash would contaminate my water supply with heavy metals, and therefore threaten my business. Northern Pass as proposed would similarly threaten every farm, business, and residence along the proposed underground route.

The NPT engineers have stated that depositing toxic coal fly ash in the cable trenches is "safe". However, I am a professional environmental scientist with over 30 years of experience, including specifically the assessment of human exposure and health risks associated with contaminants migrating from toxic waste deposits. I am well aware of what USEPA, DES, and NPT mean when they say that a scheme such as NPT is proposing is "safe". They mean that my family and I would be exposed to the toxic contaminants of concern, at levels that they believe (based on their algorithms

and assumptions) would probably not result in cancer or other deleterious health effects over a lifetime of exposure.

This is not reassuring to me, after we went to considerable effort and invested our life savings in order to live and build our business in a pristine environment. It definitely would not reassure my customers, who are well aware that toxic contaminants bioconcentrate in livestock. Abundant, pure water is critical to our business model, which is predicated on producing pure meat products, free of contaminants. We are counting on, and are heavily invested in, the fact that the ground water in our portion of Easton Valley is contaminant-free. If our livestock were drinking contaminated water, or if there were any consumer perception that our livestock *might possibly* be drinking contaminated water, our business model would collapse.

Of all the many unacceptable actions that NPT has proposed along the length of the Northern Pass project, the use of toxic coal fly ash as backfill material in cable trenches is perhaps the most egregious. NPT must NEVER be permitted to deposit toxic coal fly ash as cable trench backfill material in Easton Valley.

A second major impact that Northern Pass as proposed would have on my business is related to the construction, road closures, and traffic disruption that would occur during the installation of underground cable.

Easton Valley is a major tourist attraction. Hundreds upon hundreds of people come to Franconia every year to drive, motorcycle, walk, bicycle, ride horses, fish, observe wildlife, cross-country ski, fly gliders, and stay in Easton Valley. This is a very important source of revenue to Franconia. My business plan relies heavily on a strong local economy, and on tourist patronage for my farm products.

NPT projects that they would require two construction seasons (i.e., two years, from April to November) to complete the installation of the underground portion of the proposed project. Independent engineering assessments have judged that this work would take much longer. During construction there would be several work sites in operation along Rte. 116, in Easton Valley, and on Rtes. 18 and 112, which feed into Rte. 116. These work sites would be unsightly, would produce noise, dust, and fumes, and would disrupt and at times completely block traffic. Tourists and even local residents would actively avoid them, which would mean avoiding Rte. 116 and Easton Valley entirely. After establishing alternate travel/recreation patterns for at least two years, many people would never return. Northern Pass construction in Easton Valley would also forever change the bucolic character of Rte. 116, which would further discourage tourists from returning.

The resulting economic impact on Franconia would be very serious. Like all of the business owners in Franconia, I am deeply concerned about how a loss of tourism traffic, and a resulting economic downturn in the community, would affect Franconia and my business. Small businesses like ours run on tight margins, and



one “off” month can be devastating. Two or more years of very poor business, followed by a slow recovery, would be utterly unsustainable and would lead to the failure of many businesses, probably including mine.

I have several other serious concerns about the Northern Pass proposal, including: the threat of encroachment by NPT on my land; the loss of the rights to certain uses of my land in close proximity to the cable location; and (as mentioned above) the permanent damage to the bucolic character and aesthetics of Easton Valley. All of these pose existential threats to my business.

The simple fact and unavoidable conclusion is that Northern Pass as proposed is unacceptable. There can be no question that the Northern Pass proposal contravenes the criteria at SEC Rules Site 301.15: Relative to a Finding of Undue Interference With the Orderly Development of the Region, and Site 301.16: Relative to a Finding of Public Interest. Accordingly, the only correct finding by SEC in this docket is the denial of a Certificate of Site and Facility to NPT.

It bears mentioning that there are numerous alternatives to Northern Pass as proposed that would provide far greater benefits to New Hampshire, and at the same time avoid most of the serious impacts and destruction of Northern Pass. In the Franconia area, such an alternative would be the location of the underground cable in the Interstate 93 corridor. This is a completely feasible and legal alternative (notwithstanding the false claims to the contrary by NPT). I-93 has been identified by the NH legislature in HB 626 (passed and signed into law in 2016) as the preferred corridor for linear energy infrastructure development. Location of an underground cable in the I-93 corridor would alleviate or eliminate all of the potential impacts on the Franconia business community described above. It has been the position of the town of Franconia from the very outset that Northern Pass must be located in the I-93 corridor, if it is to be located in Franconia at all. NPT has steadfastly refused to respond to the Franconia community’s position.

In conclusion, I join with the rest of the business owners in the Franconia, Easton, Easton Valley, and Sugar Hill communities in calling upon the SEC in the strongest possible terms to make the only correct decision in this docket. That is to deny NPT a Certificate of Site and Facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walter C. Palmer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Walter Palmer  
Franconia Farms  
Franconia, New Hampshire

07/08/2017

Pamela G. Moore, Administrator  
NH Site Evaluation Committee  
Suite 10  
21 Fruit Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee:

As a longtime resident of the beautiful Easton Valley, I cannot believe that our *State Government, Department of Transportation and the Department of Environmental Services* all appear to be in support of *Northern Pass/Eversource* literally tearing through the towns of Bethlehem, Franconia, Easton, Woodstock and beyond, in the name of *Corporate Greed*.

Could it be that *this horrible plan* to bury a portion of the line is simply a *scare tactic*? Is it possible that they are using the 2-3-year construction time frame, the single lanes of traffic on our Main Streets and the use of hazardous materials as “threats” to local property owners and business owners in an attempt to scare us? To scare us back to the point at which we will reconsider our mantra of *Bury Northern Pass* in hopes that we will allow them to go back to the cheaper tower alternative?

I would certainly fight for and fully support the ***I93 Option!*** Forcing *top pay up for the right to pass through New Hampshire by renting the I93 corridor is the ONLY WAY* New Hampshire residents will benefit from this project. Why should any of us be so magnanimous as to simply say, “***Sure, come on through our homes, any time of the day or night, in the name of Corporate Profit. Please take our money, land and health! We are just so damn happy to help, neighbor!***”

Please stop the madness and make *Northern Pass/Eversource* pay for the right to profit off the backs of the residents of New Hampshire!

Sincerely,

**Patricia M. O'Brien**

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320 Easton Valley Road  
Easton, NH 03580

From: **Ken Ford** [kucasandford@gmail.com](mailto:kucasandford@gmail.com)  
Subject: **SEC Letter**  
Date: **June 24, 2017 at 1:19 PM**  
To: [brendashannonadam@me.com](mailto:brendashannonadam@me.com)

NH Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit St, Suite 10  
Concord NH 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

Please do not wreck Franconia by allowing Northern Pass to bury a million watt power line through the center of Town, under the Gale River and on to Easton using Route 116. Surely you can see the wisdom of denying them this route.


If they really want to push their power line south, they can apply to use the designated energy corridor on Interstate 93.

If you feel that you must go against all wisdom and grant Northern Pass permission to proceed as now planned, please at least require them to post a performance bond of sufficient size to protect us against malfeasance "down the road" which is sure to happen.

Also, I wonder if the State of NH is prepared to rectify any problems with the buried line under State Roads into the future.

Sincerely,

Ken Ford  
Franconia NH

From: **Greg Connors** greg@whitemt.com   
Subject: Northern Pass  
Date: July 10, 2017 at 5:31 PM  
To: brendashannonadam@icloud.com



To: Site Evaluation Committee

My company, White Mountain Footwear, is situated in Lisbon, N.H. but has its primary warehouse and distribution facility at **the Matoso building at 1064 Profile Rd. in Bethlehem, N.H.** We occupy the lion's share of this 100,000 s/f building and annually receive and ship approximately 800 containers or 5 million pairs of shoes and boots to our customers throughout the country.

The buried line as it is currently conceived would go directly across the one and only access driveway to this distribution center. Based on traffic disruptions currently caused by a state project to replace a small bridge and culvert on Rt. 18, and the damage caused by a recent rain storm, there is no doubt that this poorly conceived Northern Pass project will cause major disruptions to our business. We schedule incoming containers as those containers arrive at port. There is little or no flexibility in this process. Our customers schedule the shipments from our warehouse to their distribution centers at their convenience using their designated truckers. We have even less flexibility with this outbound piece.

Any road closures will be extremely disruptive and costly for our business.

The proposed route of this hastily put together and poorly thought out buried line is .....as with virtually all things Northern Pass..... a potential nightmare for the people and businesses in its path. We implore you to reject the proposed site plan.

Thank you ,

Greg Connors  
President  
White Mountain Group  
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July 3, 2017

NH Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Ms. Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
Suite 10  
21 South Fruit Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Site Evaluation Committee,

I have been a resident of Franconia for almost thirty years and have operated a small business, financial consulting, from a Main Street office for over twenty-four years. The current proposals to bury the Northern Pass power lines down our humble residential and commercial district is an abomination.

These power lines should be buried, but it makes no sense to disrupt the small towns along the way—it would be the nail in the coffin of several more businesses in Franconia and Easton, it would be unsafe for the school children who bike and walk down Main Street to the regional elementary and high schools (located on Route 18) every day (including the summer recreation programs), the structural integrity of buildings such as mine (circa 1850) would be undermined, not to mention the dirt and disruption of being in a major construction zone for an extended period—all of this when a relatively simple right of way exists along Route 93. Clearly, this has been proposed by the Northern Pass planners as punishment for those concerned citizens in the northern New Hampshire communities that have protested the original towers overland plans.

Please consider the safety and well-being of our small communities which are part of the fabric of a decent quality of life in New Hampshire.

Yours truly,

Elise F. Drake



Harman's Cheese & Country Store, Inc.  
1400 Route 117  
Sugar Hill, NH 03586

PO Box 624

July 4, 2017

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
Attn: Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

### **Proposed Northern Pass Transmission Project through the White Mountains**

Dear Ms. Monroe and Committee,

My family has owned Harman's Cheese & Country Store since 1981; building on what Mr. Harman established in 1955. As owners, we have carried the business through tough times with income from other jobs. We have grown this business from yearly sales of 5 tons of cheese to 14 tons. It has taken hard work and sacrifice. We have 3 major areas of business: our store (55%), our mail-order (33%), and our wholesale (8%) to restaurants, farm stands and other small stores in New Hampshire.

I am writing to you because the proposed construction of the Northern Pass Transmission through our scenic area will severely hurt our business – a business that we have managed to keep going while many family businesses have disappeared. Our cheeses and other products are not necessities but luxuries to be enjoyed when you splurge or give a gift. As such, we see our income slump when circumstances make it a chore to visit us. Drain work on Route 117, painting the lines on Route 117, a beaver dam breaking on Route 117, the Old Home Day Parade in Franconia, bad weather and other incidents cause our sales to decrease dramatically.

#### Numbers to consider:

- From May to October, our average number of daily sales is between 40 and 70. An average sale is less than \$20, so every sale makes a difference.
- Last autumn, roadwork on the Route 302 bridge near Route 117 reduced our number of visitors and sales by about 10%. Approximately 25% of our customers approach us from that direction.
- We anticipate a much larger loss if Route 18 is a construction zone.
  - If, on each day of construction, just 10 potential customers decide to not travel on Route 117, this could result in a sales loss of 25% or more.
- Each year, about 10% of our store visitors become mail-order customers. Our year-round business depends on visitors to our area, discovering us, and then continuing to be a long distance customer through mail-order. Thus, our mail-order sales will suffer too. We cannot compete with the *Amazons* and the *Whole Foods* of the world in price or shipping, so it is critical that we build lasting relationships with our customers. Their initial visit to the store is the foundation of that relationship and that initial visit will certainly be jeopardized by two years of construction.

During the holiday mail-order season, we employ 15 to 20 local people. Our employees count on this seasonal salary. Although our summer and year-round employee crew is smaller, their hours are very dependent on the number of people that come into the store each day. We employ local youth who use their salary to pay for their college education and our full-time employee depends on the work being full-time, year-round, to meet living expenses.

Our wholesale business will also be affected by the proposed construction. *Polly's Pancake Parlor* purchases 20 to 25 pounds of Cheddar from us each week. If their business decreases, so will the amount of cheese they need - the same applies to the *Sugar Hill Inn* and the *Inn at Sunset Hill* who also purchase cheese from us.

In addition, the proposed construction along the route will add an inconvenience to the weekly deliveries that we make to our wholesale customers in North Woodstock, Lincoln, Plymouth, Ashland, Bristol, Canterbury and Concord. If any of these customers' businesses are hurt by the construction, my wholesale income will surely decrease.

I ask you to please consider the smaller North Country family businesses as you review the Northern Pass project. A small family business income is used to pay the expenses of the business, provide a livable income for the family and its employees and to give back to the community. Please put yourself in our shoes as you look at this project and remember how fragile a business like ours is.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (603) 823-8000 or at [Cheese@HarmansCheese.com](mailto:Cheese@HarmansCheese.com).

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda Aldrich".

Brenda Aldrich for the Aldrich Family, owners



June 26, 2017

TO: NH Site Evaluation Committee

WE are the new owners of a property on Route 117, renamed, The Ledges on Sugar Hill. This property has amazing vistas of the White Mountains; we are attracting tourists for our hiking, fishing, kayaking, skiing and simply to visit Northern NH for our beauty and tranquility. People/tourists seek clean waters, skies and lands. The Ledges offers vacation rentals for these tourists to NH.

A few years ago, we purchased a defunct property (known as Ledgeland). We have been renovating each abandoned house and completely bringing back this property's devastated landscape. We are now able to entice vacationers from around the world to visit Sugar Hill NH and stay at The Ledges! They **spend money** at all our shops, restaurants, grocery stores!

What brings tourists here from the US and other countries is the quiet, pristine, clean air, clean waters, full of wildlife, clear skies and landscaping for viewing and to sport in. We currently pay the State of NH rooms taxes on a monthly basis. We only rent to holiday visitors, thus the rooms tax of 9% we pay to the State.

IF the northern pass goes through our small villages, whether overhead or underground, what attracts tourism here will be gone forever! The process of overhead towers or burial is insidious and completely unnecessary! USE Interstate 93!!! That corridor is there. Eversource can afford that and should afford that. Demand they use I93 or use another State altogether. Saying they can't is just a lie in a series of lies from them over the years. This has dragged on too long, enough! There should never have been any other options from using the I93 option. I am at a loss as to what you are thinking? This is about a way of life for citizens of NH, tax payers, workers, families, children, and grandchildren. We matter much more than whatever bribes you have agreed to accept, because logically, the I93 corridor is the answer. Pillaging and polluting your own State begs the question of just how much graft and greed is the factor that this crime even has a chance to occur?

The proposed burial through our only direct entry for tourists to Sugar Hill, Franconia, Lost River area will be closed down for our busiest seasons, for years! Our business will die on the vine, as will every other small business in Grafton County if that power corporation is allowed to rape and pillage. If YOU allow it. We and the State will lose millions of tourist dollars for years, if not forever, with the closed, congested roadways here, onslaught of construction vehicles, digging along our streams and lakes, ruining the land for our wildlife. I mention the loss of revenue first because I am thinking you on this committee do not value the natural resources we have in Northern NH. Because if you did, this proposal would never have seen the light of day!

With this proposal, most of our lands and waters will never, ever recover from 2-4 years of major construction to our small roads! The tax dollars lost, the income to this part of the State, the pollution forever in our grounds for these school bus size containers, what can go wrong and we towns will be responsible??? The ruining of roadways, the shoulders, streams, lakes, drinking water, will be poisoned forever. You cannot ignore that this proposal will pollute our gorgeous and scenic byways, our

waterways. So, the once pristine aspect of NH will never again bring in the kind of tourist dollars to this State. Tourists are fickle, they will go elsewhere and not only will our small businesses suffer, the loss of revenue to the State of NH will be huge. Do you actually understand the real impact polluting our water tables will cost the State? The grounds and waters will not recover, if they do, NOT in your lifetime. For this committee to allow this to happen, you are selling out your State, your families, your grandchildren, for what? You on this committee will own this fiasco forever. JUST SAY NO! Demand they use the I93 corridor!

Think about this:

\*Loss of State rooms tax, loss of tourist money being spent all over Northern NH

\*devalued real estate because of polluted grounds, waters, loss of wildlife

\*loss of tourist dollars from closed business mean, people leaving the State for work, homes sold at a loss or vacant, not attracting second home buyers once they have vacationed here and got the full impact of beauty, clean skies and waters. They will not spend money to come to see the devastation to the North Country you are thinking of allowing.

\*Fallout: towns will need money directly from the State to function, without a healthy local economy, who will fund the towns, the schools? IS CONCORD prepared for all the monetary assistance that will be needed, food, housing, heat, etc? Are you prepared to own up to your part in ruining an area populated by independent, proud peoples and their beautiful towns in Northern NH? When you have a viable option of I93 to offer Eversource; you will knowingly push for ruining and polluting our properties? You will wear the badge of knowingly polluting Northern NH, always.

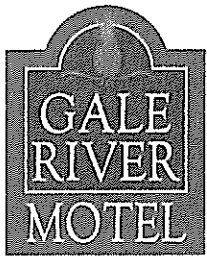
Are you prepared for what it will be like once you sacrifice this natural beauty, absolute Mecca for tourists from around the world? Are you siding with the corporation that is ramming this "Northern Pass" down the throats of our irreplaceable villagers?? Really, living with shame is nearly impossible, are you all ready for the fallout if you proceed in consciously allowing Eversource in ruining this half of the State of NH's livelihood? Real people suffering due to your decision to side with a corporation lead by greed?

This is a very personal attack on our lives up North, it will be personal for your committee too, if you continue to side **against** NH residents who live, work and pay taxes here. It will not end well for you either if you allow yourself to sell off your own decency, this stuff never ends well for those complicit.

Your duty on this committee is to protect the residents of Northern NH, not sell us off. There is a viable way for northern pass to go through NH; namely the I93 access. That corporation can afford it, they have lied to all of us for years, still lying now when they say they can't afford to use I93. Make them use I93. Make the moral and correct decision for Northern NH's natural beauty, for our incomes and revenues, for all of NH and her residents, for the continued beauty in our State. Say no to the energy company and make them re-file for I93 use. Do not be complicit in their crimes against NH.

*Starcy Branch*  
Starcy Branch, The Ledges on Sugar Hill

*PO BOX 356, FRANCONIA NH*



One Main Street  
Franconia, NH 03580

June 1, 2017

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee:

The Northern Pass project as detailed to date will have a devastating impact upon the economic vitality of the village of Franconia, New Hampshire.

The tourism-based economy of Franconia is particularly dependent upon summer and autumn visitors to the area seeking the natural beauty and peace and quiet of New Hampshire's mountains and scenic vistas. In 2016, approximately 80% of the Gale River Motel's annual revenue was realized during the proposed May through October construction period described in the Northern Pass plans. Much of that income results from visitors to the area passing by and impulsively deciding to seek lodging for the evening. It is evident that there will be significant disruptions, delays and detours during the construction phases that will deter visitors from lingering in Franconia. The loss of tourism dollars will have a catastrophic impact on many of the small business owners whose livelihood depends upon the narrow window of the tourism season to generate adequate revenue to finance operations throughout the year.

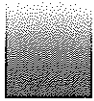
Visitors seeking the natural wonders and scenic beauty of New Hampshire's White Mountains do not wish to rest and relax amidst a major construction project with florescent-vest clad gatekeepers directing single lanes of traffic past a cacophony of heavy machinery through clouds of dirt, dust, and diesel fumes. The concentrated nature of Franconia's village district; the I-93/Exit 38 – intersection of Route 18/Route 116 and the route to the intersection of Route 18/Route 117 are critical gateways to the entire business network of the region impacting dozens of small businesses dependent upon free and unfettered tourist access.

At present, I understand that Northern Pass proponents are requesting project approval and promising details about "how" the construction will progress once permitting has been completed. I respectfully request that the Site Evaluation Committee demand that the details be put forth prior to approval so that the Site Evaluation Committee may truly understand and consider the full breadth and impact of this project on the residents and businesses over the course of the next two years. As we all know, the "devil is in the detail" and the lack of detail associated with this project should cause the committee to pause in granting approval to a project that has defined "what" it wants to do, but not "how" it is going to do it or "who" it is going to harm in the process.

Respectfully yours,

Kevin Johnson

Gale River Motel  
Franconia, NH



# Hillwinds Lodge

in the White Mountains

Jan 11, 2013

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee Members:

Hillwinds Lodge is a 30-room motel in business since 1947, and which we have owned and operated since 2006.

Recently, we have learned some of the details of the proposal by the Northern Pass group to bury over fifty miles of electric cable right through the some of the most glorious parts of the Western White Mountains, including tunneling through Franconia Village and under the pristine Gale River. The construction period is "currently" planned to last through two complete tourist seasons (June through mid-October) and as construction almost always takes longer than anticipated, we should expect a third full summer and fall.

Our business in the eleven plus years that we have been in residence has attracted guests from all fifty U.S. States, from every Province and Territory of Canada, and from over 45 other foreign countries, including such far flung places as New Zealand, New Caledonia, Mauritius, China, Russia, Japan and every European locale.

Why do they come here? For peace and tranquility, to see the marvelous scenery and foliage, to hike and bike in the mountains, to fish in our crystal-clear rivers and lakes, and mainly to just relax. While here, they dine in our restaurants, they visit our attractions which mostly collect entry fees, and they purchase our goods and products, including prodigious amounts of Maple Sugar.

Do you believe they will still visit us here in New Hampshire during two or probably three years of horrible conditions? They will be tied up in traffic, have to endure noise and dust, and will not be able to access all of the places and sites they would like. While I'm sure some folks would still come, and many will surely be disappointed with the conditions they find and never return., many tourists and regular guests would simply find someplace else to go, and we would not be surprised to see our revenues fall off by 40% or more while the project is underway.

During our 11 plus years operating this motel, we have grown the business from collecting a gross income of about \$90,000 to over \$350,000 in 2016. "So what?" you may say, what does this have to do with the Northern Pass proposal to bury its cable in Franconia? Well, our business alone collected for the State of New Hampshire in rooms tax less than \$8,000 in year one, and more than \$27,000 this past year. Imagine the collective impact just in the loss of rooms and meals taxes for the State of New Hampshire when you combine all of the tourism businesses in the Western White Mountains.

Finally, our understanding of the selection of the proposed route by Northern Pass is primarily based on the fact that they will not have to pay any right-of-way fees to the State or the towns through which this buried line will travel, instead of utilizing the I93 corridor which would be much simpler to construct and far less disruptive. Would it really cost less given all of the potential roadblocks to tunneling through 50 miles of scenic by-ways and towns.

Please reject the project as proposed and send Northern Pass back to the drawing board.

Sincerely,

Tina & Deane Haskell

**33 Dow Avenue Rte 18 • Franconia, NH 03580 603-823-5511 FAX Number 603-823-5775**

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# KINSMAN LODGE B&B

2165 Easton Road

Franconia, NH 03580

603-823-5686

NH Site Evaluation Committee

c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator

21 S. Fruit Street #10

Concord, NH 03301

Dear Secretary,

We the owners of the Kinsman Lodge Bed and Breakfast for the past 18 years have built a reputation for hospitality and a comfortable place to enjoy the beauty of the peaceful Easton Valley. The proposal to bury the Northern Pass electric line thru our front yard would cause a considerable hardship to our business because of disruption of our access and guest parking and the fact that our signage is within the 30 foot zone. We have a number of large pine trees also within this zone as part of our 400 foot road frontage on both sides of Route 116. We are opposed to this project as presented, as it brings no value to our town.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester E & Susan M. Thompson

From: **William Kenney** j.williamkenney@gmail.com  
Subject: **Re: Letter to SEC**  
Date: June 27, 2017 at 9:05 AM  
To: **Brenda Shannon Adam** brendashannonadam@icloud.com

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New Hampshire Site Evaluation Comm.  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Admin.  
21 S. Fruit St. Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear SEC,

I own and maintain properties abutting NH State "Scenic" Rt. 116 with agri-tourism/hospitality businesses, dependent on a robust natural environment. Now comes Northern Pass Transmission and irreparable "habitat" destruction, a financial/economic noose around my neck. Eastern Valley (Rt. 116) and Kinsman Notch (Rt. 112) are iconic White Mountain attractions. It would be a grave and egregious mistake to site Northern Pass Transmission on this route.

Sincerely, William Kenney



John Vail  
PO Box 784  
Franconia, New Hampshire 03580

June 3, 2017

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

re: Northern Pass Transmission

To Whom It May Concern:

I am John Vail and live in the Town of Easton at 652 Eaton Valley Road, the state highway Route 116 along the very route proposed for the never to actually be built Northern Pass transmission line.

Two years ago, I bought this property, a hundred-year-old farmhouse suitable for conversion and now zoned to allow for three apartment units, including one for the landlord occupier. The conversion to rental space has entailed the "gutting" of almost all affected areas, including rewiring and new breaker panel, new plumbing, new kitchen and bath, provisions for updating safety and fire concerns, and updated weatherization efforts (insulation and modern windows).

For the past four to five months I have been showing the rental side of the building. I set out asking for rents somewhat below local market value for housing rentals, and this asked for a setting that, as to appearances and conveniences, is certainly well above what would be expected from the local rental housing stock. While several prospective tenants are "thinking about it", many others have never gotten back, some of whom I know have settled on accommodations away from the proposed transmission route.

Several weeks ago, I reduced the rent another \$100 per month, including notifying folks who had looked here and then continued to look elsewhere. For one apartment, say, the new asking monthly rent is \$700 to

\$750, this for 750 square feet with washer / dryer outside the unit, mostly new appliances, refinished hardwood floors, well finished as to closets, details, etc, along with a rather stunning view of the Kinsman Ridge, a more intimate view of a beautiful black stallion grazing in the paddock just across the state road, and a landlord who is fairly agreeable.

Now I do not know if you have personally driven the Easton Road of late, but I'm sure you can get a fairly clear picture from any of the minions who do your bidding and who are regularly up and down our road surveying and drawing up 'battle plans' for your planned assault on our peace. I refer, of course, to the many signs blighting the verge out here. These uniformly oppose the indignities you wish to visit upon us. No doubt the local dumps' volume statistics will spike noticeably high with the addition of all this material, just after we have finally run you all out of town.

For prospective tenants, it only makes sense: Average rental tenancies range only for several years (This NOT including those ending dis-favorably for the landlord). Why would anyone of sound mind, expecting a tenancy about that long, opt for a new residence about 15 yards from a two-year (optimistically speaking, certainly not less given that your spinners seem to be flashing a rather sunny view of all sorts of things that are elsewhere called 'alternate facts') 7 AM to 7 PM construction zone, a daily dusting of everything within 1/4 of a mile, truck racket, traffic mess, the plundering of our front yards, and so on?

I appreciate your attention, though I hope you are able to see fit to withdraw your plans for this project. Given my own desire to get tenants, I do understand that financial concerns are compelling, though suggest also that your participation and efforts here may prove detrimental in the life of your spirit.

Peace,

Dear Site Evaluation committee,

June 2017

Thank you for taking the time to consider the impacts the proposed Northern Pass route will have on businesses located along the proposed route. We have several concerns about both the short term impacts during construction and the long term changes to our business and property that will occur if this plan is allowed to pass through the Franconia/Easton route.

The concerns during the proposed 2 years of construction include delayed access to our main transportation corridors; interstate 93 and rte 116 to 112. Being located in the North Country we absolutely depend on unimpeded access to main highways in order to remain competitive in our industry. We have a seasonal business that is concentrated during a 4 month period that coincides with the proposed construction periods. Some simple analysis of time/cost that one way traffic and up to 5 stop on Rt. 116 would indicate the following; 10 minutes of delay getting to and returning from job sites for 3 crews with four men each result in 4 man hours per day of lost down time due to construction. Over a 2 year season this loss of productivity would add up to over \$20K in labor costs and an undetermined amount in lost revenue due to access constraints for customers. For a small business this construction zone will have a very negative impact. The Northern Pass may create some temporary jobs but at the same time would be eliminating some full time jobs provided by effected businesses.

We have a unique set of circumstances relating to the physical topography of the property that no one from the Northern Pass Project team has reached out to us as landowners and addressed. It seems terribly amiss and disrespectful to landowners and their rights to seek permits for plans that will have a potentially high impact on our ability to conduct business without first consulting with the property owners. We have underground water lines that are perilously close to the proposed directional drilling location. What are the contingency plans for damage to water systems? What are the risks to land owners locating slurry pits on their property? What types of chemical residues are left behind? We have landscape elements that have been in place since the 1940's when Rt. 116 was a dirt road. For example stone walls, lilac hedges, and a tree that was the namesake to 3 generations of family business. We are concerned that the private property over the proposed buried lines that have been cultivated and developed for 60-70 years will be difficult or impossible to restore to any resemblance of the original condition. We would like these details thoroughly addressed before permits are issued.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Kenney

President of New England Tennis courts, Inc.

Brenda Shannon Adam  
351 Easton Valley Road  
Easton, New Hampshire 03580

July 5, 2017

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

The Northern Pass Project as currently proposed will run right through the Easton Valley on Rte 116, a place I have called home for over thirty years. The extended nature of the construction project and the monstrous scale of it will be devastating to the artistic community I have worked so long to build.

I am an artist and musician involved in community building projects. I share my studio space with other artists and musicians and invite people into that space for performances. All share in the cost of bringing top quality artists to my space. Community members of all political persuasions have the opportunity to come together in a nonpartisan environment and enjoy something together, an increasingly rare occurrence these days.

Although it is not a business, and is run more like a non-profit in that all money collected goes into furthering the mission of bringing top notch artists to this rural area and into building community through sharing meals and enjoying music, my modern day musical patronage supports the local economy in several ways:

1. local tradespeople were hired to build the studio spaces;
2. local people are hired to help produce each event;
3. local tradespeople are hired to maintain the creative spaces;
4. money is spent at local food, hardware, music, department stores;
5. my large scale artistic projects involve purchasing local materials and I regard my property as one giant canvas.

Sometimes the musicians are here to perform and sometimes to record for an extended period of time; and despite the fact that no money changes hands, it is in this atmosphere of patronage that much money is spent to feed and to accommodate the visiting musicians.

Because of this generosity of spirit that is nurtured here, many of these visiting musicians return to the area for vacations. Not only are they smitten with the beauty of the area but they know something unusual and special is taking place, something not found just anywhere.

Because of the rural nature of this area, people must travel long distances to get anywhere. I already battle with Mother Nature in this regard. Bad weather can inhibit the desire to leave one's house and drive 1/2, 3/4, 1 and even two hours or more to get here. A particularly difficult day at work will dampen one's enthusiasm for a long drive. And depending upon the scheduled artist, people do drive from Boston, Burlington, VT, Montreal, Maine, Concord and Lebanon, NH to get here. Adding the inconvenience and hassles and delays of multiple construction sites and possible detours along the only routes to get here will make it more difficult and will certainly discourage people from making their long treks.

Additionally, the noise that will accompany this long construction project including generators, dump trucks, cranes, excavators, and the HDD drills that will be running 24/7 are not conducive to a listening experience in the normally quiet rural environment and certainly will effect the quality of the listening experience and the ability to create and record in this artist compound.

In addition to having a negative effect on the local economy, the musical community will be impacted as my space, known as The Abbey, has become internationally known as an acoustically and visually beautiful listening room with an attentive and appreciative audience. It is centrally located between Montreal, Boston, Burlington & Portland making it an ideal location for routing tours. Musicians from all over the world including Spain, Norway, Sweden, Scotland, Ireland, England, Canada & Mexico have contacted me to perform here; in other words, it is a great gig.

The two performing arts venues that are located nearby both close for the heating season making The Abbey one of the only places to hear live music in the dead of winter within a 50 mile radius.

The ancient roads built from old logs were not meant to accommodate the kind of infrastructure NP proposes. And the proximity of many of the houses to the road in our rural communities along these old country roads demands that the project be rejected.

I am attaching several letters from both musicians and patrons in support of The Abbey.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Shannon Adam  
The Abbey  
351 Easton Valley Road  
Easton, NH 03580

MAEVE GILCHRIST  
570 WESTMINSTER RD APT B31  
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MAEVE GILCHRIST -  
HARPIST | COMPOSER | EDUCATOR

DEAR SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE,

I AM WRITING IN SUPPORT OF THE WONDERFUL COMMUNITY MEMBER, ORGANIZER AND SUPPORTER OF THE ARTS, BRENDA SHANNON ADAMS IN HER STAND AGAINST THE POSSIBLE INVASION OF HYDRO QUEBEC'S NORTHERN PASS THROUGH THE BEAUTIFUL EASTON VALLEY.

I MET BRENDA ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO WHEN SHE KINDLY OFFERED THE USE OF HER NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ABBEY AS A RECORDING VENUE FOR A MUSICAL PROJECT IN WHICH I WAS INVOLVED. THIS CHARACTERISTIC BENEVOLENCE IS TYPICAL OF BRENDA'S COMMITMENT TO THE ARTS AND TO HER COMMUNITY. WE WERE RECORDING FOR PURELY EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES AND FOR THE WEEK WE STAYED THERE, BRENDA HOSTED US, FED AND TOOK CARE OF US IN SUCH A WAY THAT GAVE US COMPLETE CREATIVE FOCUS AND FREEDOM. IT WAS SUCH A GIFT.

I'VE SINCE BEEN BACK TO THE ABBEY A NUMBER OF TIMES TO PERFORM IN HER HOUSE CONCERT SERIES AND THE PLACE HAS CONTINUED TO BE A GIFT TO US MUSICIANS WHO DELIGHT IN THE BEAUTY OF THE SURROUNDINGS AND THE WARMTH OF THE LOCAL AUDIENCE, AND A GIFT TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, BRINGING THEM AN ARRAY OF HIGH QUALITY PERFORMERS IN AN INTIMATE SETTING THAT'S SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE IN A FOR-PROFIT VENUE.

THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT GOES INTO HOSTING SUCH EVENTS AND BUILDING A COMMUNITY CENTERED AROUND A MUTUAL LOVE OF THE ARTS IS ENORMOUS. I KNOW THAT IT'S TAKEN BRENDA SEVEN PLUS YEARS TO CREATE AN AUDIENCE AND AN AWARENESS OF THE ABBEY CONCERTS. THROUGH HER SELFLESS PERSISTENCE SHE'S CREATED AN ARTISTIC COMMUNITY CENTER THAT'S INSTILLED NEW LIFE INTO THE EASTON VALLEY AND BEYOND.

BY GOING THROUGH WITH THESE NORTHERN PASS PLANS, YOU WOULDN'T JUST BE DESTROYING THE NATURAL LANDSCAPE THAT BRENDA AND HER NEIGHBORS MOVED TO EASTON TO ENJOY; TEARING UP HER CAREFULLY TENDED YARD AND CREATING A CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENT THAT WOULD BE INCREDIBLY INTRUSIVE, DESTRUCTIVE AND DISRUPTIVE OF LOCAL WILDLIFE. YOU WOULD ALSO BE JEOPARDIZING WHAT HAS BECOME THE HEART OF THE LOCAL ARTISTIC SCENE AND AN INVALUABLE MEETING PLACE FOR THE COMMUNITY. IN SUCH POLARIZED POLITICAL TIMES, SURELY WE MUST VALUE A SPACE THAT BRINGS TOGETHER PEOPLE OF ALL BACKGROUNDS AND POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS TO CHERISH MUSIC AND ART?

PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

YOURS SINCERELY,

MAEVE GILCHRIST

From: **Beverly Woods** info@beverlywoods.net  
Subject: Site Evaluation Committee letter  
Date: June 30, 2017 at 4:03 PM  
To: Brenda Shannon Adam brendashannonadam@me.com

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

As a previous resident and frequent visitor to the Easton Valley, I would like to express my opposition to the plan to bury the Northern Pass line - with coal ash! - along the wonderful scenic byways of the area. The planned construction will be tremendously disruptive to the peace and quiet sought by its residents and tourists.

Particularly I would like to write in support of Brenda Shannon Adam and her wonderful musical space on the Easton Road. Brenda's home is an oasis of quiet and inspiration, which she has been kind enough to invite us into on many occasions. Her place provides much needed respite from places full of traffic, big machinery and endlessly running engines.

It is my understanding that the planned construction will completely destroy this atmosphere for a good long time - long enough for people to learn that Franconia and the Easton valley have become a hell of construction racket and disruption, and to change their vacation or retreat plans and go elsewhere. Long enough to drive those residents who are there for the peace and quiet absolutely crazy. We often talk as if noise is "just noise" and will go away, but as a musician I can tell you that noise pollution is one of the most insidious and health damaging types of pollution there is. We need our peaceful places, and Brenda's place is one of them.

So I am asking you please not to approve this very damaging route.

sincerely yours,

Beverly Woods  
401 Haines Hill Rd.  
Wolfeboro, NH 03894

603-941-4947

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

I am writing to you to express the amount of creative loss the community will feel as a result of the Northern Pass Project. Brenda Shannon Adam has dedicated her time to creating a very special place on her property where musicians and music lovers from near and far may come together and be inspired. Not only does this place benefit the members of the Easton/Franconia community, but it also acts as an essential stopping point for musicians who are touring the East Coast.

I am a young musician who is studying in Nova Scotia, Canada and my partner is an International student studying at the Berklee School of Music. We have plans to travel to Brenda's concert space, the Abbey, and share our music with a different part of the world. However, if the project is in session, we will not be able to access the venue easily with the construction equipment in the way, and the sounds of machinery will disrupt the music greatly. For us, Brenda's studio would allow for us to share music from our backgrounds, Mexico and eastern Canada, and become exposed to the musical stories of people from the Easton community. It would be incredibly upsetting to lose this opportunity.

People within the community as well as across the world value the musical space that Brenda has created. I do not believe that anything can justify the disruption of this place. I hope that the committee will consider the impact that the Northern Pass project will have on the connection of people brought about by Brenda's Abbey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kendall Jones". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Kendall Jones".



New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

June 12, 2017

Dear Site Evaluation Committee:

I am extremely distressed to find out about the Northern Pass Project planned to run through New Hampshire, including through my former home, the Easton Valley. I think it is a terrible idea. Easton Valley is an important tourist corridor that will be severely damaged by this project. It will take decades for trees to regrow and for the valley to repair itself from the devastation wreaked by this project.

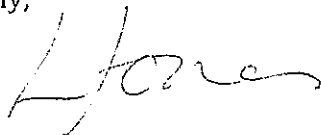
There is also a unique and very special community resource in the Easton Valley that will be completely ruined during the two or more years it will take to install the transmission lines. My friends, Brenda Shannon Adam and Bill Adam, help musicians. They have built, at great expense to themselves, a recording and performing venue called, "The Abbey," on their Easton Road property. They feed and house musicians in beautiful, peaceful surroundings, offering them a free place to write and record. They also host house concerts to showcase their talents, where the proceeds of ticket sales go back to the musicians. It is a purely philanthropic effort. Many musical groups and individuals have received a significant boost to their careers as a result of a stint at Brenda and Bill's "Abbey," in the Easton Valley.

The concerts hosted by Brenda and Bill bring large-city caliber cultural events to a place with a small population. They are enthusiastically received and attended by the locals. Established, well known musicians (such as Garnet Rogers), and up and coming artists alike love to make Brenda and Bill's a stop on their tour.

This important musical resource has been built up and gained momentum over seven years, due to tireless work and investment on the part of Brenda and Bill. It would come to a grinding halt if the property became noisy or inaccessible due to this large construction project. Momentum would be lost.

Please DO NOT allow the Northern Pass Project to Pass through Easton Valley.

Sincerely,



Leslie Jones (Former Resident of Easton Valley)  
1935 Parkside Lane  
North Vancouver, BC  
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New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

I've recently become aware of Northern Pass's proposed plan to bury transmission lines all along the Easton Valley. These plans will have a negative effect on a space nearby called the Abbey. I have visited the Abbey several times to perform and participate in community events hosted by Brenda Shannon Adam. There I met many people from the local community, neighbors, radio hosts & families. It was clear to me that this space is a place where a community separated by a less populated living environment comes together. The events here are an impetus for people to engage in local commerce, local community outreach and otherwise. People traveled from quite a distance in the surrounding area.

The extended road delays due to the scope of the NP project will significantly add to an already long journey to arrive at The Abbey will certainly discourage many from making the trip. The 24 hour drilling and other noise, dirt and dust created by this project is definitely not conducive to events held at the Abbey. Brenda has spent years developing the goodwill within the musical community and amongst the many patrons who visit and has succeeded in getting it to a place where she is able to bring touring artists from all over the world for the benefit of this rural community. In doing so, not only is she playing an important part in contributing to the livelihood of the artists but also contributing to the local economy through the money spent to create, prepare for and sustain these monthly events.

Sincerely,



Laura Cortese

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301  
June 7, 2017

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

A good friend of mine hosts concerts at her home, which has become a venue for musical artists. She lives in Easton, NH, and has been informed by Hydro Quebec that they plan to dig up her yard, making it impossible to use for these concerts. The 24/7 noise from the drilling machines alone would be enough to do that. This affects the livelihood of lots of musicians as it is a great gig along their tour routes.

My friend is one of thousands of us that will be adversely affected by this installation, which has a dubious Return On Investment, and will adversely affect the Tourist Industry.

I thought that Northern Pass was still being debated, and following the arguments on both sides, figured it would not be approved. Has it been approved? Is any of this power going to New Hampshire? And if so, how much? If we lived in a democracy, the voters of New Hampshire would decide this.

Sincerely,

Dick Devens  
78 Maple St  
Center Sandwich NH 03227

From: **Ron Cohen** ron.cohen@gmail.com  
Subject: Letter for NP  
Date: July 1, 2017 at 6:10 PM  
To: Brenda Shannon Adam brendashannonadam@icloud.com

July 1, 2017

FROM:

Ron Cohen, Telecommuter  
114 Iron Foundry Road  
Franconia NH 03580

TO:

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

I work from home so I can live anywhere. I live in Franconia because it is beautiful and peaceful. There's no traffic. There's no noise. Life is simple and easy here and I need it that way because of the stress of the work I do, consulting with large Fortune 100 companies helping them implement complex software.

I cannot imagine continuing to live here through the years that it would take to construct Northern Pass. Why would I live here when I can live anywhere? My kids live elsewhere so I would probably move to be closer to them. But I don't want to move.

I believe I play an important role in the NH economy. My employer may be elsewhere, but I spend my money here. There are many telecommuters like me who choose to live in NH's North Country for its pristine environment. Keep us here. Don't push us out.

You must stop Northern Pass.

Sincerely,

Ron Cohen

William T Adam  
351 Easton Valley Road  
Easton, New Hampshire 03580  
603-823-7061

July 5, 2017

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

I reside along the proposed route for the underground portion of the Northern Pass project as most recently proposed. In fact, my house sits less than sixty feet from the center line of Rte 116 in Easton. I made my career as a CPA and real estate investor holding degrees from MIT and Harvard Business School.

During my career I worked with companies both large and small such as Central Maine Power Company, Winn Dixie Stores and Hanford Bros. and banks of all sizes. I also worked with many businesses that had few employees and sole proprietorships, acting as a consultant to those businesses on issues aside from their financial statements and income taxes. For example, a client might consider a new location and we would discuss the merits and impact of such a step. My function was always to help a business, no matter how small, to survive and to thrive.

The impact of this extraordinarily lengthy construction project (Northern Pass), will be a catastrophe for North Country businesses. Restricted travel, possible detours, incessant noise, dirt, dust, the inconvenience and unsightliness of it all, 24/7 drilling, generators, and the increase in traffic due to all of the construction vehicles, will have only the most loyal and dedicated patrons taking their business elsewhere and oftentimes, as will be the case for tourists, for good. A rural economy, especially one highly dependent on tourism dollars, cannot easily survive this kind of disruption. There just is never an opportunity to make up those lost dollars given that the project is not designed for the purpose of ultimately bringing more customers to the area. Decreased revenue means decreased value in a business affecting not only the resale value but also the financial solvency of the owner. The financial consequence of two years' loss of crucial income leads to spending retirement savings, already in short supply where it exists at all.

Real estate values have already taken a hit because of the uncertainty of the NP project. Transferring ownership during the construction phase will be extremely difficult and for many years following the project.

Additionally, I think of folks like myself, who upon retirement following a highly successful career, could choose to live anywhere and after visiting the area and staying at a local bed & breakfast, eating at local restaurants, experiencing the beauty and charm so characteristic of the Easton Valley area, chose to live here. In the thirty plus years that I have called this area home, I have invested millions of dollars in the local economy through home purchases, renovations, new construction, new vehicle purchases, tractor purchases, the hiring of various tradespeople, and the list goes on and on. Had I arrived for a visit in the midst of a construction project the size that you are considering, I would no doubt have moved right through and settled someplace else and my money would have supported another community and region. While it is under construction and upon completion, if it is permitted, I will undoubtedly be considering whether or not I want to stay. I have seen no projections for what the area will look like post construction but hearing that a 30' wide swath over the buried cable will have to be kept clear of trees tells me the Easton Valley will look pretty undesirable.

People work hard in this area to eek out a living. To assume that the temporary business a project such as NP will bring to the area will replace the business lost as a result of the project is a fallacy. They are two different beasts altogether.

Northern Pass's "attempts" to reach out to the business community are lame and cheap. They want to form a business directory that requires a business to sign up. It's bribery plain and simple. Implied in that request to join their directory is a boycott of the businesses who have spoken out against the project or otherwise expressed their concerns. If there will be so much business as NP representatives claim, then why would there be a need to sign up for a directory?

It is painfully clear that NP executives and hired "expert" witnesses have given little thought as to what the Franconia area business community is. It is not just the storefronts on Main Street. That isn't the half of it. Do we really want people lacking in such creative and critical thinking that they can't even identify the local businesses to be charged with a project the size and scope of Northern Pass?

Sincerely,  
William T. Adam

**New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301**

**Dear Site Evaluation Committee,**

I am writing in strong opposition to permits being issued for The Northern Pass Transmission Project (NP) that would allow the burial of power lines along Route 116.

I am in the family of those who own Freeland Acres. My commitment to the area is that I live nearby, in Littleton and have for 27 years. I am well aware of the issues involved in the Northern Pass Project as it once was projected to be in my backyard.

Although I am not directly involved, I am opposed like any good steward of the area. Ripping the ground beneath our feet in service to this money hungry enterprise is an outrage. I am well acquainted with country road Route 116 and know that it would be changed forever. This devastation would not only take my sisters small business down to ruin but the health issues posed to those who simply wish to live where they live would be in doubt. More than one community has had to deal with ground water pollution; I pray Easton is not to be added to this number.

There is an alternative to the nightmare that is being forced upon the area. It is the redirection of this outrageous dig up to instead be placed along the side of Route 93 where it so obviously belongs. WHERE IT BELONGS despite the extra cost that would be visited upon NP. In their case dollars; in our case land disruption, business disruption, health considerations and forever scarring the beauty that The White Mountains are known for. THIS is our special commodity that

makes our communities thrive and survive. To misuse this our strongest commodity is short sighted and just plain wrong.

Why should the residents and businesses of Easton, Franconia, Plymouth and others have to pay the price that is more appropriately borne by the corporate profit making NP who are in a better position to pay it. We are not. We may be David to their Goliath but, please, we must be heard!

Thank you for careful consideration.

William Freeland  
1251 Farr Hill Road  
Littleton, NH 03561



Dear Ms Monroe---

I am a legal resident of Franconia, NH. I own a home , several businesses, and have commercial buildings just outside the center of Franconia. All building are attractive, designed , and with significant and maintained landscaping.

Unfortunately these are now on the re-adjusted route for Northern Pass. (RT. 116) They would be digging up my front lawn ,and have just cut some very nice trees. At 76----I do not look forward to this invasion of a small town and its residential streets.

I am basically against the Northern Pass / Eversource project in any fashion, as I have watched big business / big government over many decades continually degrade the quality out our landscapes----all in the name of necessary progress.

I also know there has to be a balance achieved to reach a number of goals. And ---- this is not an easy task.

Northern Pass and Eversource have been battering towns, the state and many individuals with pressure, financial carrots and constant lobbying.

To many----Route 93 is still an eyesore and should not have gone through Franconia Notch. That is all history now----but the corridor is there. -I understand the line could not follow that route \*(buried) for some legal reasons. So---with the more recent change in route---they may be able to get away with a strange zigzagging , back and forth through small towns. To a layman-----It does seem strange that if the Federal and State Governments won't allow a straight shot route----that it would then be all right to take advantage of the small town neighborhoods to get a path.

My family lost their property back when Route 93 tore through the center of the small village. I implore your agency to give voice to my small town and many others that may be effected in letting this big business conglomerate sweep through our state.

Respectfully-----all the palms they are greasing are just not worth losing our voice and our quality of life. My health and the weather did not permit me to get to the large Plymouth meeting (storm that night). I also don't think they are a good venue to get the opinions of concerned people-----and many of these people can't get to such meetings and are uncomfortable at them.

Projects of this size should have smaller town forums for citizens/ landowners to participate WITHOUT BEING PRESSURED by the Mega Businesses or the Town Fathers. Also there has been no attempt by Eversource / Northern Pass to talk to property owners along these routes. Their propaganda mailers stating their great and wonderful plans don't pass the test of getting out real and personal information.

I'm sorry to have been long winded---but this is a topic of great concern. I have been physically laid up and have not been able to participate as I would have liked in these issues. If I could be of any help to you or any of your committee---I would be most willing.

Thank you,

Robert Chase  
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Franconia, NH 03580  
603-823-5903

**From:** Mike Cavanaugh [<mailto:mikecavanaugh3@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 9:15 AM  
**To:** Monroe, Pamela  
**Subject:** Northern Pass Rt 18 Sugar Hill

To whom it may concern,

I am dismayed to hear Northern Pass wants to bury their transmission line along rt 18 in Sugar Hill. I own a landscaping business which employs 9 people and our shop is located at the intersection of rt 18 and Streeter Pond rd. The traffic delays that this will cause will be a real problem for us during our peak season when we are supposed to make enough money to carry us through the long winter, as well as the negative aesthetic impact this is certain to create. While I think it is a good idea the lines be buried, it would make a lot more sense to bury them along I 93 where the project would cause much less short term disruption and more importantly much less long term devastation, because that is what it would be to rip up our beautiful town. The Franconia and Sugar Hill area is some of the most beautiful area around and that is what drives the tourism which sustains many of our local residents. I'd like to see it stay that way and see my kids be able to make a decent living up here in the beautiful white mountains.

Thank you for your help keeping our town pristine!

Sincerely,

Mike Cavanaugh

**From:** John Strasser [cjstrasser@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2017 4:28 PM  
**To:** Monroe, Pamela  
**Cc:** Margo Connors  
**Subject:** Public Comment to the NH Site Evaluation Committee

To whom it may concern,

My Chiropractic office is located at 262 Main Street/ Route 18, in Franconia. As this is the proposed burial route of the Northern Pass project, my practice would be severely impacted by this work.

The loss of access to my office will prevent me from providing acute and ongoing care for my patients. Additionally the loss of income combined with unchanged overhead/expenses would amount to more than \$5000 per week.

Most importantly my practice, which has been in this location for 24 years, would experience a significant long term decline as existing and potential patients seek care elsewhere.  
The loss of care to my devoted patients would be inexcusable. The resulting loss of income to me and my devoted employee would be intolerable.

Northern Pass does not belong in the main streets and rural highways of Franconia and other small towns of New Hampshire. A utility transportation corridor along existing rights of way could solve this problem.

Dr. John Strasser

From: Pamela Yarosh [franbiz@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 10:18 AM

To: Monroe, Pamela

Subject: Northern Pass

As a property owner running a business out of my home (a dog kennel where people come and go throughout the day) at 298 Route 18 in Sugar Hill, I would urge the committee to consider a different location for Northern Pass, i.e. the center strip on Interstate 93, where the lives of business owners/home owners would not be so interrupted. I also have to go into Franconia on a daily basis to conduct business, and the disruption/closure of Route 18 would cause a great inconvenience. Not to mention all the other businesses along this route, plus the fact that this is the school bus route to Profile High School, so busses, parents, students, etc. would be terribly impacted. Thank you for your consideration.

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Cheers, Pam



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April 12, 2017

Martin Honigberg  
Chairman Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301



Dear Mr. Honigberg:

Enclosed is a petition joined by over 80 New Hampshire business's collectively calling for the Northern Pass project to be buried.

These business's, large and small represent thousands of jobs in New Hampshire. The owners of these companies value all that New Hampshire has to offer, including its landscape and scenic beauty. They go to work every day, and invest every day in New Hampshire. Not because it has the cheapest electricity, because it does not. Not because it has the lowest business tax burden, because it does not. They choose to live in, work in and invest in New Hampshire because of the quality of life. Because of the unspoiled mountain vistas. Because of the breathtaking beauty around every corner.

The technology exists to bury the line. The State has authorized the use of our highways system to deliver power. Let's be smart about this. The risk is too great. We owe it to our children, and their children and for generations to come to do the right thing. We have the opportunity to do the right thing right now. Please consider all alternatives, including burying the line down I-93. It is the logical solution.

Sincerely,

Andrew Smith  
President  
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# BUSINESSES FOR BURIAL

OVER 80 NEW HAMPSHIRE BUSINESSES ARE STANDING UP AGAINST THE NORTHERN PASS PROJECT AND DEMANDING IT BE BURIED.

*“Do not let this project scar the beautiful landscapes of New Hampshire that should remain for generations to come, especially when there are sensible alternatives.”*

Squam Lakes Financial Advisors	Holderness	Sequel Design	Campton	A Newfound B&B	Bristol	White Mountain Appraisals	Franconia
Blue Moon Motel	Bristol	Blederman's Dell and Pub	Plymouth	The Echo Group	Conway	TotalScope Marketing	Plymouth
Tav Electronics	Plymouth	Chase Street Market	Plymouth	Rapld Insight Inc.	Conway	Seven Birches Winery	Lincoln
Finishing Touches by Mark	Plymouth	Randvest, Inc.	Plymouth	Surroundings Art Gallery	Sandwich	Emily Herzlg Floral	Littleton
Pine Shores Real Estate	Holderness	Chesley's Mini Market & Pizza	Campton	Peabody & Smith Realty	Franconia	Mt. Washington Cog Railway	Bretton Woods
Dekal	Campton	Chesley's Mobile Home Park	Campton	383 Main Street, LLC	Franconia	Garnet Hill	Franconia
New England Timber Frame	Holderness	Yankee Trail Motel	Holderness	V-Twin Realty of Franconia	Franconia	Littleton Coin Co. LLC	Littleton
Plymouth Furniture Co.	Plymouth	Dressers Unlimited	Plymouth	Hunkins and Eaton Insurance	Littleton	Chutters Candy	Littleton
Inn on Golden Pond	Holderness	Cottage Place on Squam Lake	Holderness	Linwood Real Estate	Lincoln	Parade Properties	Londonderry
Cheney House B&B	Ashland	CMD Bookkeeping Service	Plymouth	Center Point Business Advisors	Millford	Northland Forest	Kingston
Shaker Woods Farm B&B	Sanborton	Sunset Grill	Campton	Connors Footwear	Lisbon	Premier Getaway	Holderness
Pleasant View B&B	Bristol	Farms and Barns Realty	Holderness	Samaha and Russell Hodgen PA	Littleton	Freestyle America	Campton
Tuckernuck Inn B&B	Meredith	True Colors Print & Design	Plymouth	Lawton Company, Inc.	Littleton	Mountain Fire Inn	Campton
Red Gate Inspections	Meredith	Squam Boat Livery, Inc.	Holderness	Alpine Clinic	Franconia	Mountain Architecture	
Jonathan Beede House B&B	Sandwich	Bonnie Brae Farms	Plymouth	Profile Capital	Littleton	Photography	Franconia
Lighthouse Inn	Lanconia	HAD Technical Services	Plymouth	Century 21 Mountainside	Lincoln	Peter Caman's Strength In	
Ballard House Inn	Meredith	Holland Construction	Holderness	Adair Country Inn	Bethlehem	Motion	Lancaster
Meredith Inn	Meredith	Bennett Brook Farm	Holderness	Sugar Hill Inn	Sugar Hill	Kellogg Surveying and Mapping	Littleton
Maple Fools Kettle Corn	Holderness	The Common Man Family	Ashland	Secured Network Services	Littleton	Tamarek Tennis Camp	Easton
Kenneth Stone, CPA	Plymouth	Dova Properties	Plymouth	Appalachian Stitching	Littleton	Franconia Farms	Franconia
White Oak Motel and Cottages	Holderness	Tenney Mountain Plaza	Plymouth	Dutch Treat, Inc.	Franconia	Pentimento	Littleton
Experence Squam	Holderness	Stoppa Management Services	Plymouth	Gowen Realty	Plymouth	King Realty	Campton
Rand's Hardware	Plymouth	The Russell Farm & Forest		Presby Construction	Franconia		
Mosenthal Spine and Sport	Plymouth	Conservation Foundation	New Boston	Sugar Hill Associates	Sugar Hill		

LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE THE HEART OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S ECONOMY.  
THEIR FIGHT IS OUR FIGHT.

July18, 2017

Site Evaluation Committee  
State of New Hampshire  
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Committee:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Northern Pass, specifically it's course running through the Easton Valley (Rte 116). Brenda Shannon Adam has fostered an exceptional gathering space for musicians, artists, and audiences. What's more, she has nurtured community within and beyond the Easton Valley in ways it would otherwise not exist in this region.

I am a full-time musician based in the Boston area, though I spend most of my year on the road. Brenda's space has been an integral part of my artistic growth and development over the past couple years. Brenda's generosity in her space allowed for me to write and record my most recent album, this past November. Having access to The Abbey - a quiet, secluded, and truly exceptional acoustic space made all the difference and I would absolutely not have been able to create this music if it were not for this space Brenda has created. It is a resource the creative community so desperately needs and lacks.

The very best of the best in acoustic musicians - the best in the world -have found their way to Brenda's home, to perform, write, etc. Brenda Shannon Adam is providing work & pay for said artists and not taking a dime for herself.

The construction of the Northern Pass would completely disrupt the concerts & gatherings. Recording sessions in particular would not be possible at all. It would be a massive loss to the New England musical community of which I am a part. Our lives as artists rely so heavily on the creation, maintenance, and connection to places such as Brenda's home, and all it has to offer to so many people. I cannot begin to express the difference Brenda -her home, her space - has made in my life. I absolutely would not be where I am in my musical career were it not for her. It is truly heartbreaking to think of this pillar of my community being threatened.

Thank you,  
Jenna Moynihan  
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