From: Meredith Funston <<u>mfunston@camponaway.org</u>> Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 2:53 PM To: Monroe, Pamela Subject: Northern Pass

Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

I live and work in New Hampshire. Please do not allow Northern Pass to proceed. New Hampshire's economic health depends on its tourist industry, which is based on our unspoiled, natural landscapes for hiking, leaf peeping, summer camps, etc. It is also the reason so many people choose to retire to NH, hold events in NH, and why young outdoor enthusiasts choose to live-work-play in NH. Don't let this project change our physical natural beauty! It is also sucking all the attention and resources away from better, cleaner energy innovations, such as solar, which is said to be a very good opportunity for us in NH. My favorite urban solar innovation in recent years, has been putting solar panel roofing over mall parking lots, generating enormous amounts of power for the city and keeping cars cool at the same time. And the parking lot is already not naturally pretty, so why not roof it and generate power? Brilliant!

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2015/01/28/the-best-idea-in-a-longtime-covering-parking-lots-with-solar-panels/?utm_term=.06e07b55e4fa



The best idea in a long time: Covering parking lots with solar panels - The Washington Post

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Solar carports make a lot of sense. So why aren't there more of them?

Thank you for giving this very careful, protective consideration. Let's keep very high standards for what's best for NH and encourage environmentally and economically cutting edge energy projects!

Kind regards, Meredith Funston Director of Advancement, <u>Camp Onaway</u> 603/491-9908