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As we have seen time and time again, huge corporations dealing in resource extraction or energy transportation muscle their way into being handed public land and government access on a silver platter. It happens with interstates and pipelines and all sorts of things, and now it is happening in NH. As is typical of projects like these, the residents most affected have little or nothing to gain. The company, in this case Eversource, then, sets its sights on nullifying the voices of those who will see their community destroyed or permanently altered. They do this with misleading facts, self-serving self-commissioned studies, and an overall effort to force projects through as soon as possible, so that the public not only has their voice limited, but is also stymied by the myriad of information with which Eversource has intentionally clouded the water.

The facts of the case can be made immensely complex but at the end of the day are exceedingly simple. The "Northern Pass" will not benefit NH. It serves people in distant lands who lead lives of consumption and distance from nature. There is a reason folks in Grafton or Coos counties do not live in Connecticut; they understand the value of nature and a peaceful way of life. It will create but a few jobs, which will vaporize after the construction finishes. What the construction will leave is a scar on the land--land which not only is revered by locals, but is sought out by tourists from around the world and therefore is responsible for the livelihoods of hundreds of New Hampshireites. Land that is federally protected for its significance and in some areas has been granted the highest level of federal protection under the Wilderness Act which states that in these lands "man is a visitor who must not remain."

What makes New Hampshire different is its independent spirit. Our state representative democracy is the most local with the smallest ratio of elected officials to state residents. We elected men and woman from our communities, not big corporate spokesmen and women. We stand up for what we believe in, even if people in other places do not understand why. Our way of life is more valuable than the next fad in consumption. The people of New Hampshire have already made their decision about this project. They need to be heard.