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Dear SEC committee,

I am writing to deeply oppose the Northern Pass project.

When I met my husband ten years ago, one of the first things he shared with me was his love of his native New Hampshire. He told stories of the small town where he, his mother, and grandparents grew up, his encounter with a beaver behind his house, and a spring with water so pure you could drink it. As a girl from the Maryland suburbs, it seemed otherworldly and hard to imagine, but I trusted that it was a special place.

A year later, I went to visit NH for the first time. Beyond its sheer beauty, I was struck by the residents' deep sense of place and belonging. They routinely talked hours into the night about the land and its history in a way I had never seen in other places I had lived around the world.

We live in Washington DC, now, and NH is still an important part of our lives. Several times a year, we drive 14 hours to visit my husband's childhood home and neighbors, hike through the forest, and relish the peace and quiet. We go there because nowhere else matches its level of beauty, community and history. There are rural areas closer to us, but they are marred by things like high voltage power lines, and are no match for northern NH in terms of pristine beauty.

If Northern Pass goes through, NH will lose this advantage. I'm not sure we'll travel to NH anymore if the project goes through. Why spend the extra effort to get to a place that is no longer special? Please do not approve this project.

Best,  
Laura Chang