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New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
Pamala G. Monroe, Administrator
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Dear Ms. Moore and Members of the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee:

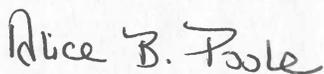
As members of the SEC you well know the outcries that the Northern Pass has generated at community meetings held throughout the State during the last seven years. You must also recognize that the Public Interest does not lie in the financial benefits the project accrues to an out of state corporation and a foreign country; rather the Public Interest lies in its benefit to the general public, the citizens of New Hampshire. In truth Northern Pass offers no benefits to the citizens of the communities it would pass through en route to Massachusetts and Connecticut. Mr. Murray's assurances to the contrary have been evaluated and judged fatally flawed. Furthermore, the existing Granite State Power Link can deliver to those states the power they require.

Primarily, Northern Pass is not in the Public Interest as it would cripple the local economy which is based largely on tourism. Stroll US 2 and US 3 along the stretch they share as Main Street in Lancaster, or watch the traffic on route 116 in Franconia. There the power of tourism is in action: cars, vans, trucks some hauling boats, snowmobiles, atvs, others with roof racks loaded with bikes, kayaks, skis, many packed with families. Visitors stop for fuel and food en route to camp grounds, motels, b&bs and hotels. They stock up on maple goods at Fullers' or Polly's, buy cheese at Harmans' and treats at the Polish Princess Bakery, beer and wine at the local liquor outlets and grocery stores. They support the winter sports industry at Cannon and the snowmobile trails. They support the summer recreation industry on the atvs trails, at Santa's Village and the Flume, Lost River and the Tramway. Such businesses are almost totally dependent on tourists. Recently, the tourism officials predicted 8.5 million visitors will spend \$1.25 billion in New Hampshire this winter.

Tourists come to the North Country for its beauty, its peace and quiet which contrasts dramatically with the environments they leave behind. Northern Pass will destroy the very things that attract them. By tearing up our roads and littering our scenic landscape with 155' towers, they will feel they are back on the Jersey turnpike or MA 128. Their disappointment will lead them to reject the North Country and seek solace elsewhere in Maine or Vermont. Our revenues from tourism will be lost and gone forever.

Finally, on behalf of members of the younger generation who have had to leave New Hampshire in search of jobs elsewhere, I protest that Northern Pass is not in the Public Interest. These missing persons represent a great diaspora of which my own family members are a part. They return for holidays, weddings, funerals, skiing, hiking and opportunities to catch up with friend and families. Lacking a voice in the decision that members of the SEC face, my children and grandchildren have asked me to speak for them.

They want you to know how much they love these mountains where my great-grandfather bought farmland 120 years ago. Relatives still own the farm, and I as well as other family members have homes in the area. My children, many cousins and a multitude of our grandchildren look forward to vacations here, and many of them hope to retire here. They are appalled at the ecological damage and degradation the Northern Pass would wreak. They firmly believe Northern Pass is not in the Public Interest. We trust you will agree.

Sincerely, 

Alice B. Poole

cc: The Honorable Chris Sununu
The Honorable Maura Healy
Judith Judson