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Dear Ms Monroe

Please allow me to register comments strongly in opposition to the Northern Pass project as it stands presently. Tourism is a major revenue source for our state and it depends in part on the pristine visual appeal of our north country. An above-ground electrical transmission project of this scale would eviscerate the natural beauty of our state, for shortsighted reasons. The currently proposed path will also have long lasting, negative effects on several communities and businesses.

I request the project be turned down unless it is *materially changed* to avoid these impacts, and even then its long term value seems questionable in contrast to the permanent harm it will cause. As a matter of public policy, the investment in transmission line would be more wisely spent on sustainable electrical generation infrastructure near to the point of consumption.

Please do not allow distant stakeholders with no interest in our state's environment or prosperity to run roughshod over New Hampshire.

Thanks for your consideration.

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