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Pam -- this is a letter I sent to the Colebrook Chronicle right after Governor Sununu's visit to Colebrook. It was suggested I send it to you. Thank you for your consideration of this matter so crucial to the North Country and our State.

The Governor and Northern Pass

Last Thursday the Colebrook Chronicle interviewed our Governor, John Sununu, at the Moose Muck. An ardent supporter of Northern Pass, this is what he said about the project -- and this is what he did not say.

What he said: " ... there will be ... property tax offsets."

What he did not say: more than one-quarter of all the annual tax payments from Northern Pass will go to one town (Franklin). The other 28 towns all get less and all payments will decrease every year.

What he said: " ... thousands of jobs."

What he did not say: There will be a lot of jobs during construction, but most of them will go to highly trained specialists who will come from all over the country and even the world. The New England Power Generators Association study stated that the project would add one-tenth of 1% (.001) to NH's employment rate (which is already the strongest in the US) during the peak construction activity. In a word -- negligible.

What he said: " ... lowering electric rates ... "

What he did not say: Eversource CEO Bill Quinlan was asked at a Scoping Meeting how much a person with a \$100.00 a month electric bill would save if the project became a reality. He said \$5.00. Many other estimates of savings since then have been much lower.

What he said: "90% of the lines are going through where there are existing power lines today."

What he did not say: Because of the enormous height and especially width of the towers, all the Rights of Way (ROW) will have to be widened to accommodate the enormity of the structures. This will bring the industrial project closer to residences with a resulting increased loss of

property value.

What he said: "It doesn't destroy tourism."

What he did not say: 2,200 gigantic steel towers are ugly. To pretend they won't matter to tourists is absurd.

Governor Sununu received \$19,000 from Eversource during his gubernatorial campaign. Some people say he was not influenced by that contribution while others say the money was contingent upon his support for the project. Some others even say the money and his support is "just a coincidence." Whichever it might be, it is an ingredient in the way people view this Governor and this project.

There are people in Colebrook who still support this project. In many cases it is because they believe things about the project that are not true. If what the Governor said was accurate, it would be difficult to make an effective argument against it -- but none of it was true. One has to ask themselves if saving less than \$5 a month and a temporary .001 increase in NH's employment rate is worth 2,200 towers desecrating our most iconic image.

Please continue to inform yourself and do not allow yourself to be influenced by what was said just because it was said by the Governor. The biggest and highest towers (175') of the Northern Pass Project will be constructed in our Capital city of Concord. If that's not bad enough, there will be 247 of them in an only 8 mile stretch. That will be the densest concentration of towers in the entire project. The worst aspects of this travesty will all culminate in our state's Capital. That's what he's for and that's why you should not be affected by the misleading statements of Governor Sununu.

There is one last point. If New Hampshire was not in the way of Connecticut and Massachusetts, there would be no NH Northern Pass Project. The project exists for them. That makes it even more of an insult to NH. They want to use this state to get to where the customers are. Imagine Connecticut and Massachusetts allowing their states to be used like this so NH could get more power. Do you think they would do that for us? Why should we do it for them.

Thank you.

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