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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Charlie Garden, my wife Lori and our two young daughters Emma and Maddie live on the southern end of Dana Hill Road in New Hampton.

I purchased the 98 acre property 25 years ago when I was single, eventually built a log home here and my family and I have enjoyed living here for 20+ years.

Given the choice, we would love to stay here for at least another 20 years.

Our property is on the eastern side of Dana Hill Road and consists of approximately 80 acres of forest and 18 acres of field.

We have an outstanding panoramic view as pictured below looking north over Bridgewater Mountain and Dana Hill, this view was the main reason purchasing the property and is a large part of the value of this property.

The Northern Pass project as proposed it seems would traverse our and many other families present view, negatively altering this landscape forever and destroying in large part what we have today.





My wife and I travel extensively, speak to many people from different places and backgrounds and we are considered open minded, independent people.

We have attended many of the public comment sessions and informational hearings around the lakes region, we have listened openly to both the representatives from the Northern Pass and its interests as well as the large, overwhelmingly majority opposition crowds that gathered at each of these sessions.

We have sat in a coffee shop in Brussels Belgium and a pub in Perth Australia and met people who wanted to come to New Hampshire because they had seen a postcard or heard from a friend how beautiful it is.

We cannot understand why the Northern Pass project as proposed would even be considered for approval in our state and in speaking with hundreds of other people on this subject we find almost zero public support for this project.

Our state is widely recognized as one of the most beautiful places on earth and our economy is in many ways dependent on this beauty.

Tourism is the second largest income engine for the state, many of our businesses thrive on tourism dollars as does the state treasury as a result of taxation on all areas of the tourism industry.

According to a May 1, 2015 article in NH Business Review, Tourism generates over \$5 billion of economic activity for New Hampshire annually and supports as many as 68,000 jobs.

Business income and taxation from skiing, boating, snowmobiling, camping, hiking, ride the wild and countless other activities are major contributors to this state's financial health and one of the largest reasons that these activities are so popular in New Hampshire is the scenic beauty that New Hampshire currently offers.

If New Hampshire continues to make decisions that make our state less appealing to tourists these people will simply travel to Maine, Vermont or other places that are more accommodating to them and respect the reasons that tourists are attracted to these

places.

Simply put, the Northern Pass project must be altered to **completely bury the line** or be denied approval altogether.

I can remember being a very young person and camping at Coleman State Park with my family, learning to fly fish for trout on Diamond pond with my father and later passing through this incredible area on snowmobile, admiring the natural wildness and incredible beauty of these places.

I have always felt so fortunate that those that came before me had not spoiled these places but preserved and protected them for our enjoyment.

We MUST to do the same, we have a responsibility to continue to protect these places and we need to take this responsibility very seriously.

As citizens of New Hampshire, we have to decide if we want to invite people to This Coleman State park...



Or this one..



Regards,

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