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To: Monroe, Pamela  
Subject: Please Oppose Northern Pass

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Dear Pamela Monroe,

Much of my family lives within a mile of the proposed power lines for the Northern Pass project. Together, we all live throughout New Hampshire with a concentration in the north. All of us strongly oppose Northern Pass and we ask for your attention to our voices as the people most negatively impacted if the project is allowed to proceed.

The people of the state's northern counties are on record for being stridently opposed to Northern Pass. It will be catastrophic to the scenic splendor of the landscape that is both our home and the economic driver of our tourist industry. No one disputes that tourism is by far the most important income stream in our historically impoverished towns. Currently four members of our family are employed in various aspects of the tourist industry that are directly related to the beauty of our landscape and it's attraction for tourists.

The benefit of the Northern Pass project to us and our economy is nil, all considered, and the scarring of our neighborhoods and countryside will be permanent if the project is built. It is unconscionable that our livelihood and best interests be sacrificed to the bottom line mentality and avarice of Northern Pass Transmission. There is no adequate compensation for what we and successive generations of New Hampshire citizens will lose.

Further, the project is not financially viable without huge subsidies. The facts show Northern Pass will not promote lasting economic growth. Northern Pass will barely lower energy costs. Northern Pass won't benefit the environment – it will devastate it. Northern Pass isn't delivering energy to NH, it is designed to use New Hampshire as an extension cord to deliver energy to Massachusetts, causing enormous and permanent harm to our state with no real or lasting benefits.

If there is a need to bring hydro power from Canada, there are other options that will not permanently damage our landscape and wetlands, lower property values and hurt our tourism industry. If you determine this proposal is to be approved, however destructive and short sighted, PLEASE require that it be built entirely underground where it will not permanently despoil our precious landscapes and diminish our lives.

Please acknowledge the pivotal role you have to protect the interests of the people of New Hampshire, people who count on you to be accountable to them, to be response-able, to act in their best interest. Please deny the permitting and block construction of Northern Pass.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Majka Burhardt