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Dear Pamela Monroe,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion in opposition to the Northern Pass. I was the former legislative staffer for Senate Warren Rudman, who, with other NH delegation staffers, navigated the White Mountain National Forest Wilderness Act of 1984 through Congress and into law. In the spirit of over 80 interest groups in NH (at that time) we all worked together for two years collaboratively (and at times with great difficulty) to compromise in order to achieve not only a balance of business, environmental, and recreational concerns; but the SPIRIT of the law to protect our precious north country. The Northern Pass violates the will of the majority of the people of NH, who may not actively be protesting the northern pass at this time, but clearly we have over a 100 year history since the Weeks Act creating the WMNF; and the Northern Pass Project is direct defiance of the SPIRIT of the citizens of our state. Of course I can not speak for everyone, but I can say after 40 years as a former Republican staffer for both Senator Rudman and Presidents Reagan and Bush 41, working in conservation and environmental issues is this state; please, please reject the Northern Pass project. It defies what thousands of people have worked to conserve in our great state for over 100 years. In our age of evolving technologies, we can use our imaginations and find other routes to providing energy needs for New England . Thank you so much for this opportunity to speak out against the Northern Pass. I know you all have a difficult decision and vote ahead. I'm just reflecting on our difficult route to create the Wilderness Act and multiple other laws to protect our great state . Thank you Anne Emily Caplin aecaplin@gmail.com

Sincerely,
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