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Municipal appraiser George Sansoucy recently testified to the SEC that proponents have grossly underestimated the ensuing loss of property values resulting from the project, stating that every property with a view of this string of 80-foot mega-towers would suffer a loss in value. Mr. Sansoucy is a credible expert with court- approved credentials who has testified in numerous area matters on the topics of assessment and valuation. I have read a number of cases he has been involved in and heard him present on these issues in a recent matter in Coos County. I am in a position to evaluate his credibility on these issues as I have an MBA with a Public Management focus and a JD, have practiced law for 30 years, and served as a municipal official for years in Massachusetts.

Inns and outdoor tourist sites in localities from Dixville, Dummer, Milan, Stark, Colebrook, Stewartstown, Stratford, to Lancaster, Whitefield, and Bethlehem will all be impacted in my studied opinion as numbers of tourists cease coming to New Hampshire's north country for vacations. They come to escape such environmentally desecrating blemishes already too prevalent south of the White Mountains. They will not likely travel hours to hunt, hike, ATV, leaf-peep, ski, and snowmobile among the transmission towers or stay in accommodations that feature views of them as they can already do that in Southern New England, saving both time and gas.

At least one family I know left southern New England for Coos County to invest in the future of its tourism there, converting a farm into an inn with spectacular views of the very mountains that Northern Pass now intends to desecrate. That family is mine. I testified before you on the first day of public input and distributed pictures of the spectacular mountain view from my farm in Berlin, showing you the expansive vista through Millsfield, Dummer, Milan, and Stark that my guests now enjoy the length of which will be marred by towers and flashers if Northern Pass happens. If it goes through, you won't see more small tourist businesses like ours continuing to thrive within a 50-mile radius. We are members of the local ATV club, snowmobile club, ski club, and AMC. Many of our guests come for these myriad outdoor recreational activities. However, they come to recreate in the sacred wilds of our White Mountains heretofore unblemished by a horizon of steel, wire, and red flashers.

I invite you to come to Berlin Trials Inn and see for yourself what is at stake. Then multiply that by scores of similarly situated tourist venues and calculate for yourselves the sacrilege that would ensue from this horror.

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