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Recently my father, Tom Corcoran, passed away, and it got me thinking about the importance of what is happening here, and my need to speak out - everyone's need to speak out.

My father is most known for his Olympic skiing career and his development of the town of Waterville Valley starting in the mid 1960s.

Over my lifetime people have repeatedly told me that Waterville Valley is so special and they thought my father was an incredible visionary when he thought to put the power lines out of view coming into the Valley, and entirely underground in the Valley. They were amazed at how that impacted them and how they felt themselves relax as they came up to visit. They loved that they had seen no wires, no poles, no towers for as long as they were there.

My father came up with the idea, and with the COOPERATION OF THE POWER COMPANY, had it implemented. I had the good fortune of growing up in Waterville Valley surrounded by raw natural beauty. Maybe for that reason I am so averse to seeing large power lines. Truthfully I think we are ALL adverse to them, whether it is intrinsic or not.

When I look at the lines in Rumney and Plymouth that come off of the windmills in Groton I feel like I'm in a concentration camp. It is very depressing.

It never occurred to me when the planning and deliberations were going on for those windmills that those tall poles and super ugly lines would be attached and so in our faces along our roads. They are so offensive and disrespectful to those passing by, and even more so to those who own or live in the properties along the line. When I see the other large towers and power lines that currently cross this state from North to South, I feel worse - I feel sickened in my gut by them.

I cross these existing Quebec Hydro lines all the time in my business selling real estate. Whether you feel something physical or not there is no doubt that they are NOT pretty and they RUIN the landscape. Higher towers will look worse and be seen from further away.

It is a hard sell to sell a property if it is on that line or close to it. And just about no one wants to look at it from their living room or any other room. The values of those properties, for that reason alone, are unquestionably depreciated.

This state of NH is a land of natural beauty. Our economy and personal enjoyment depends on it staying this way. Adding another North to South large power line is NOT in the best interest of this state. There is NO way it could be a
I AM TOTALLY OPPOSED TO THIS PROJECT.

But IF this newly proposed line is inevitable, then please make it as my father would have it, out of site and underground.

Thank you for your time and consideration of abolishing this project all together. "Live free or die" was Governor Thompson's way of acknowledging those who died for our freedoms. Please keep us free from ugly and disruptive visual scars across this state. Thanks, Kathleen Corcoran