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I am opposed to Northern Pass as proposed. New Hampshire attracts many tourists who come to see the state's natural beauty, including its mountains and scenic views. They come for the recreational outdoor activities we have on offer year round. The North Country particularly seems to benefit from this, with the White Mountains having many skiing, hiking, fishing, and hunting opportunities.

The current proposal of towers will harm these views and impact wildlife. It will impact property values in a negative way. Tourism brings much needed revenue to our state. We do not have an income or sales tax and cannot rely solely on property taxes. The meals and room tax helps out state. The tourists putting money into local businesses creates and maintains jobs for Granite Staters.

It's 2017. There has to be better, more efficient, safer ways to transmit electricity. Why is only a small portion of this project buried? Why not all of it? New Hampshire's weather is notorious for changing quickly and can be severe. We have had ice storms and snow storms that have knocked out power due to wind, ice, or snow damaging the lines. If Eversource is that committed to bringing power from Canada to Massachusetts, wouldn't they want to ensure it is continuous and uninterrupted? Why stick with outdated technology?

New Hampshire does not seem to benefit short or long term with Northern Pass.