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I am writing regarding the proposed Northern Pass transmission project in New Hampshire. I am a resident of MA but I own property and have vacationed in New Hampshire for many years. This state has some of the most unspoiled vistas, water supplies and quality of life of any of the New England states. I fail to understand why the Northern Pass is even being considered except as a monetary generator for the Connecticut based Northeast Utilities.

Northern Pass will destroy parts of the White Mountain National forest and take and cross private lands along its path. It should not be allowed to take land by eminent domain against private land owners. People chose to live in New Hampshire because of the quality of life offered. This project will destroy this chosen way of life as well as hurt property values and hurt tourism, which a main source of income for New Hampshire.

The electricity that will be sent from Quebec is not needed at this time and will not be needed in New Hampshire at any time in the future. This project is being built "on spec". In fact, New Hampshire has everything to lose and nothing to win by allowing Northern Pass to be developed.

This project has already been opposed by thirty one towns along the proposed route, as well as by the Forest Service. It is time for the people who ARE the United States to make the decisions that affect us and not have these decisions made by a corporation that does not consider the interest of the affected areas but only has an interest in generating income for the shareholders. CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PEOPLE, as a recent Presidential candidate learned.

I am asking that the proposed Northern Pass be denied in any form.

Sincerely,  
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