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I'm Ken Ross in Robbinston. I'd like to address one of the lesser-discussed aspects of the power line project. The proposed line originated in a series of dams in Northeast Quebec by the Hydro-Quebec company. The dams drowned an area of wilderness forests, river valleys, and wetlands equal in size to the State of New Hampshire. It took the lives of thousands of moose, bears, wolves, lynx and smaller mammals, as well as birds living in or migrating to the North Woods. It also took some lands from Native Canadians against their will. The drowned vegetation will rot and send its CO2 into the atmosphere, adding to global warming. The dams have dealt a major blow to the World's remaining wildlife and wildlands.

By accepting the powerline, we reward, affirm, and perpetuate the damage done in Quebec. To sell the power line to the American public, it was labeled a "Clean Energy Corridor." This is a rather dishonest name for a highly destructive project. Rather than being taken in by this fiction, in addition to devious moves by Central Maine Power, Maine voters have a fitting answer: NO. NOT IN MAINE.

Within the parameters permitted by the legal status of the dispute, I ask that the Department of Environmental Protection oppose the approval of the CMP Northeast Energy Corridor.

Sincerely, Ken Ross kross@adrian.edu

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