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Dear DEP/LUPC,

I emphatically oppose Maine becoming the energy superhighway for MA..

The proposed CMP corridor was rejected by New Hampshire for good reason. If allowed to go through our state, it will mar the distinctive character and natural beauty that IS Maine. Our most valuable resources are ecological and scenic, the pristine wild lands of our state. The CMP scheme is short-sighted. It is based on a mentality that puts corporate growth and profits of investors over the well being of Maine citizens. I am not convinced of the arguments in favor of the proposal. Where is the hard data to back up the claims of “millions in benefits for Maine”. It may have convinced some, but not me.

No amount of bargaining can excuse this “take-all” philosophy for possible short-term monetary gain. Dubbed the New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) by the PR folks, the CMP corridor disregards the devastating long-term consequences for Maine: a 145 mile immense gash in our state, irreversible loss of scenic character, devastation of wildlife habitat, reckless cutting of trees at a crucial time of climate change in which we must make it our imperative to retain our mature trees in order to sequester carbon.

The corridor is a terrible folly, an exploitation of our most precious asset, our natural beauty and resources. I urge you to OPPOSE the corridor.

Respectfully,

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