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I firmly oppose the construction of the CMP Corridor. The project would be environmentally destructive, and its true benefit is unclear. It goes without saying that Maine's wild lands have intrinsic value, but it also goes without saying that Maine's wild lands are key to economic growth in regions of the state that are not supported by economic means employed in the state's more heavily populated regions. These lands must be protected for both reasons. A famous quote made by an officer during the Vietnam War Era is, " we had to destroy the town in order to save it." The proposed corridor offers somewhat of a parallel. A vital natural environment would be seriously impacted, but in this case, who can say, unequivocally, what would be saved? The large majority of Mainers oppose the corridor for this reason. Of course we have to address the important issue of climate change; we need to do so carefully and responsibly. Neither of these words apply to this proposed corridor.

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