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Question or Comment

Dear DEP,

I am writing as a concerned Maine citizen to ask that you oppose the NECEC. With the current environmental crises we are facing due to climate change, policies, human activities, etc., a project such as this would add to the destruction of natural resources we depend on, habitat fragmentation, disruption of valuable tourism areas, and displacement of native peoples.

I find it frustrating that we must continue to fight against destructive projects and practices such as this when there are alternatives – some that have yet to be explored. Both short and long-term consequences need to be addressed, and that does not seem to be part of the initial proposal – or perhaps those in charge don't care as long as they get the millions or billions in profits they want.

There is broad opposition to this project from individuals, organizations, communities, and elected officials. In light of the thousands speaking collectively against NECEC, this should give pause to moving forward with an irreversibly destructive project that does not benefit the people of Maine. In fact, New Hampshire rejected a comparable project.

We should follow New Hampshire's example and put a stop to the NECEC. There are better alternatives that won't threaten or destroy wildlife, hurt tourism, push aside clean energy projects, and destroy livelihoods and cultures. We can and will do better than NECEC.

Thank you for your time and attention.