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Good morning,

After the public hearing I attended last week in Clifton, I felt compelled to make a written statement on behalf of my family and our ability to enjoy our camp on Hopkins Pond. We are on the East side of the pond, where we will have the biggest impact by the additional wind towers being proposed by this application. As I stated that night, I am very concerned regarding the light pollution we will be forever exposed to from the red lights blinking on the top of these new towers. In order to enjoy the stars at night, especially to enjoy the spectacular beauty of a meteor shower, you have to wait until it is very late at night for the affects of any additional light that would hinder the ability to see these types of events. The red lights are going to make this enjoyment exceedingly more difficult for me and my daughter, and forever for my grandchildren. Please don't let this happen to my family, and anyone else who may want to make this incredible valued resource of Hopkins Pond in the heart of Maine's great wilderness. It is only 10-15 miles from Bangor, and to have this small area be subject to 10 towers clustered so tightly together makes no sense to me.

I understand we have rules and regulations to protect ourselves from improper use of our natural resources. Your important responsibility is to apply the rules that have been carefully crafted, but there appears to be very little room to protect the law-abiding citizens this expansion is going to greatly impact. I implore you to let common sense prevail in this situation. Over the last 35 years, I have worked in the financial industry, where I have seen the pressures of over-regulation, and even the inability for regulatory oversight to protect our industry from unnecessary damage. This damage always ends up being passed onto the consumers. That means you and me. I see this project in the same light and want you to look between the rules and find as much leeway for interpretation to stop this project.

Put yourself in the position of the many concerned citizens are raising and calling upon you as fellow citizens to let as much freedom within the rules to take action to protect us. The breakdown of our nation as a sovereign state is continuing to squeeze out our individual rights and jeopardize future generations. Our nation has left our children and grandchildren with massive debt, thinning ozone and moral decay. Please don't let down future generations with the atrocity of these massive wind mills to ruin our countryside where many local people will be affected for generations.

Thank you for consideration.

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