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Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Commissioner Loyzim,

On behalf of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine (SAM), I am writing to express our strong support for NECEC Transmission LLC's revised Conservation Plan, which was filed with the Department on May 9, 2025. As Maine's leading organization representing hunters, anglers, trappers, and gun owners, SAM recognizes the extraordinary benefit to Maine's forests, species habitat, and the public the Conservation Plan would achieve.

The Plan's permanent extinguishment of development rights, its management for mature forest growth, and its establishment of riparian corridors would provide impressive protections for Maine's forests and the species that rely upon them. In addition, the largely contiguous 50,000 acres of conservation area proposed in the Plan and the property's adjacency to another 400,000+ acres of conserved land amplify the plan's forest and wildlife benefits, while also aligning with our mission to protect Maine's outdoor heritage and ensuring access to high-quality lands for future generations of sportsmen and women.

The Conservation Plan clearly meets and exceeds the requirements of Condition #39 of the Department's January 8, 2020 order and Condition #10 of the Bureau of Environmental Protection's July 22, 2022 order. Accordingly, SAM respectfully urges the Department to approve the Plan.

Sincerely,

David Trahan, Executive Director
Sportsman's Alliance of Maine