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Dear Ms. Burke and staff members at the Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection,

I urge the Maine DEP to suspend the illegal permit that was issued to Central Maine Power by your agency under the previous administration for the proposed NECEC project, which was granted without a public comment period or public hearing, thereby breaking the Department's own rules and standards for evaluating a project of this magnitude and kind.

In addition to the permit being illegally issued, the proposed massive energy corridor is a poor deal for Maine. We **are** our unbroken forests and rivers, in this state; we are the land and water. It is beyond short-sighted to sell something so rare and valuable for the promise of a few short-term jobs and so-called "green" energy that will only benefit other states.

We are talking about the last great stretch of undeveloped forest east of the Rockies. The last hold-out for Eastern brook trout and Canada lynx in New England, the home of our iconic moose. Where will the hunting and fishing guides and bush pilots go, when the corridor destroys the natural abundance and beauty of western Maine?

Furthermore, the proposed corridor is not an example of a sustainable energy project. To meet the definition of sustainability, a project must exhibit EQUITY. First Nations people are still fighting to regain their land--or some compensation for it--which was flooded to create these massive reservoirs. The voices and opinions of rural Mainers have not been heard as part of this permitting process. This lack of representation, the fundamental nature of this project to strip local resources and send huge profits to an outsized corporation, should be warning signs that the proposed NECEC corridor isn't "climate action" or "green energy". It's just more of the same: destruction of the Earth for short-sighted profits.

I have stood next to the stakes in the ground where this corridor will pass. I was sick to my stomach for days, afterwards. I urge the DEP to reconsider the permits issued and halt this awful project that will cut through one of the most beautiful and ecologically vibrant parts of Maine.

Respectfully,

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"To write competently is to do a few magic tricks for friends and family; to write well is to run away to join the circus." - Toby Litt