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Dear Mr. Beyer

I may live in the very south of Maine, but I have a great love of all the state. Being an environmentalist I have concerns about these transmission lines coming across Maine.

First of all is the fact that these lines will cut a large swath through our forests that will continually be cleared, perhaps using herbicide that is bad for the environment. While I realize that in Maine trees are logged, we do NOT need to cut more than that. Trees sequester carbon and with the climate changing as fast as it is, we need all the trees we can possibly save. With the Emerald Ash borer already in Maine, every other specie of tree, must be saved.

Secondly, while I hear of the "short term" benefits to Maine like \$\$\$\$ for broad band, heat pumps, and jobs etc.; the trade off may not be worth it. I don't see Maine getting any "clean" energy from these lines. Huge lines like those proposed will bring down home/ land values, as most people do NOT want to live near them. I see wildlife habitat being disturbed at a time when wildlife is more and more at risk due to habitat loss and human contact. Wetlands, that are bird habitats and help protect water quality, will be effected by the construction. All these things will not be beneficial our tourism economy. People come to Maine for the "wilderness" adventure. They do NOT want to see high transmission lines!

Third, local control and eminent domain will be overridden. We, here in Maine, are people who want to protect the beauty , wildness, and peaceful land we live and recreate on. We want to be able to decide how our land is used.

Fourth and finally, the advancement in clean energy is coming to Maine. Solar power is the future. It is cheaper now then gas. With the new regulations that promote it, more and more installations will happen. Other investment are happening that are bringing broadband, electric charging stations, and jobs to Maine.

I appreciate your accepting my thoughts. I hope that you will listen to the small voices of the people of Maine who will be most affected by this project, as well as people like myself who love all of Maine.

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