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Dear Ms. Howland,

I am a current resident of Peterborough, NH, where I have lived for over ten years. I am submitting this letter as a concerned citizen of the state of New Hampshire, but also as somebody who enjoys the natural beauty for which the Monadnock region is known. As a hiker and mountain biker I visit the trails and forests of New Ipswich, Rindge, Fitzwilliam, Jaffrey, Temple, Dublin, Sharon, and Peterborough almost every day. I am deeply concerned about the impact of the proposed Kinder-Morgan pipeline, particularly on the Wapack range that runs from Greenfield to the Massachusetts border.

There are several routes that a west-east pipeline could take across New England that are already used by pipelines or highways. The fact that this pipeline is taking a different route for "economic" reasons suggests that a new pipeline is not that economical. What is not being factored into the current economic calculation is the cost to the environment, natural beauty, and livability of the Monadnock region. These costs, as usual, are being externalized, which means that the people and environment of the region will pay them, not the company or consumers who will profit and benefit from the pipeline. This is not the way business should still be conducted at the beginning of the twenty-first century, at least not in New Hampshire.

I am also troubled that my home state considers fracking a worthwhile energy infrastructure in which to invest. Fracking is prohibited in several states in New England for good reason. New Hampshire should not facilitate this environmentally damaging activity by allowing our territory to be traversed by a pipeline. Instead we should dedicate our state to encouraging renewable energy technologies.

I respectfully urge you not to approve the construction of this pipeline.

Sincerely,

René