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Dear friends,

I want to thank you for your steadfast support in our opposition to Northern Pass as proposed. In case you haven't heard, the Northern Pass application to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee was denied on Feb. 1 by a 7-0 vote.

Here at the Forest Society, we are proud of the role our supporters have helped us play over the last eight years. As a formal intervenor in the SEC process, our goal was to make the legal case for what we all recognized to be true: Northern Pass as proposed would cause unreasonable adverse impacts to our state while offering meager benefits to New Hampshire citizens. Our case was strong. I want to thank our attorneys, Amy Manzelli and her team at BCM Environmental & Land Law, for bringing us to this point.

But we also recognize that the real heroes, the true defenders of New Hampshire's landscapes, character and way of life, are all of you who stood up to the arrogant sense of entitlement exhibited by project proponents. We remember and salute all the people who time and again came forward to tell state and federal regulators that Northern Pass as proposed was wrong for our state. We acknowledge and salute all the communities who voted against Northern Pass and went on to intervene at the SEC. We salute our conservation partners, the Appalachian Mountain Club, Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust, and Conservation Law Foundation, who also intervened at the SEC.

When Goliath wanted you to believe that Northern Pass was inevitable, you persevered. You rightfully insisted that your voices be heard. These are not easy things to do.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

If we've learned anything through this saga, it is that we must remain vigilant. Eversource has made it clear they intend to appeal, as is their right. We are confident that the SEC made the right decision for the right reasons. We believe the SEC's decision will hold up on appeal. And, we will be actively engaged in any appeal process going forward to ensure that this decision stands.

I have faith that we will prevail. I have faith because I believe that New Hampshire's forests and land sustain us and unite us. Thank you for standing up for what is right when it counts most.

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