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Honorable Land Use Planning Commission and Maine Department of Environmental Protection:

I would like to convey my opposition to the: CMP NEW ENGLAND CLEAN ENERGY CONNECT PROJECT

This project will result in irreversible damage to the pristine nature of the greater corridor, and one of our prime recreational year-round tourism regions. I believe in the mindset "if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem". Each of us are individually and collectively; the current stewards of our state's resources.

Spraying herbicides throughout each year over thousands of acres (and for all the years this is in existence) to control tree/shrub & plant growth is categorically unacceptable.

It isn't a question of whether or not herbicides will permeate into the environment for they shall; it's a matter of when and how much wildlife groundwater and runoff contamination there will be. It will ultimately cause catastrophic damage to our environment and waterways; including groundwater, downstream and downriver.

This is a legal conflict of interest. In addition to Maine's court-established legal stance against largescale hydro; federal and Maine DEP officials have approved the \$1.2 million dollar Alum Treatment in East Pond to mitigate the effects that exactly such contaminates - that have compromised and impaired watersheds. Watershed applicants for 319 Grants are mandated by the federal and Maine DEP to reduce and eliminate contaminates from entering the watershed. Regulators are in a position to prevent a major source of extreme contamination and the corresponding devastating and expensive effects. The herbicides that will be used along this proposed project are 100% a conflict of interest with Maine's current environmental preservation precedents. Hundreds of rural Maine residents work or volunteer in their local lake associations or environmental preservation groups, working diligently to: save, improve, preserve, and restore our resources – to eliminate precisely such contaminates as the herbicides that will undoubtedly be utilized if this project is approved.

This project will undermine many critical components of Maine's resource preservation, and economical tourism.

This project will impact dozens upon dozens of the greater watersheds surrounding and downstream of this primarily pristine region.

Maine cannot afford to blemish an entire environmental recreational tourism industry that is critical to the state and several local economies, many of which are further "downstream" locally - as their customers are also our local "downstream" customers.

There is no amount of kickback or temporary work that can offset the permanent damages this project will create.

We are responsible for the footprint we leave - and pass forward to the future generations. We each have our part and responsibility in these and other economic and environmental matters to do what is right for Maine, her environment, her future, and for our future generations.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Registered Voter & Taxpayer in downstream watersheds/economies

Recreational enthusiast of the greater corridor region