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Mr. Rossignoli:

We, the undersigned members of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, write today to express our support for the proposed Granite State Power Link project (GSPL). We believe that a strong electrical transmission system is vital to New Hampshire—and New England's—safety, security, and economic prosperity. For decades, New Hampshire has faced some of the highest energy costs in the country. With the continued retirement of generation plants across the region, it is important that New England secure clean, reliable energy resources in the coming years.

We represent a wide array of communities in New Hampshire, both along the GSPL project route and beyond. We choose to support the GSPL because it accomplishes the important goal of delivering up to 1,200 MW of clean, reliable, and affordable power to New England, with minimal impacts to our state's natural beauty.

The GSPL will also provide substantial benefits to New Hampshire's towns, residents, and businesses. These include electricity cost savings estimated to be nearly \$1.4 billion for New Hampshire alone over the first 10 years of operation; local property tax revenues for the 24 New Hampshire host towns and cities of more than \$590 million; the creation of nearly 1,500 New Hampshire jobs during peak construction; substantial assistance to low-income families along the project route from the GSPL co-investor, Citizens Energy; and other local economic benefits.

As important, however, is that these benefits will be achieved with minimal negative impacts on the 24 host communities in the Granite State, and will be done at a significantly lower cost than similar projects. Of the approximately 115 total miles of the line in New Hampshire, approximately 109 miles will be located within the existing National Grid-owned right of way, with no need for additional easements or widening. Furthermore, this segment will largely utilize existing infrastructure, helping to minimize construction, environmental and viewshed impacts for both the land and project abutters.

As a result of our region's proven need for cost-effective clean energy resources, the tremendous benefits that will be provided to our cities and towns, and the minimal impact that the Granite State Power Link will have on our residents and land, we fully support the project's ultimate approval and construction.

Sincerely,

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