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Good afternoon Senator Lawrence, Representative Zeigler and members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. My name is Jenny Rock and I reside in Troy (Waldo County).

I have spent untold deeply stressful hours in the last year combating the ill-planned rollout of LS Power's proposed transmission line. I cannot convey how harrowing it has been trying to fight to protect my beloved home against the intentionally deceptive power players of a big money corporation - the State should have been there to help its powerless citizens. Instead we spent equally untold hours trying to get our legislators to hear us, and here we are again.

We have mapped the lay of proposed transmission lines across Maine and the negative impact on areas of high biodiversity, wildlife habitat, productive farmland, small rural home-owners and townships, and already PFAS-stressed communities is ENORMOUS. Maine MUST join its forward-thinking New England neighbors and bury new conduit lines and/or use existing corridors. Clear cutting forests and degrading farmland and rural communities is the most backwards way towards a sustainable future for this State. And further haste is NOT what should be used in this instance, well-considered and LEADING decision-making that arises from meaningful consultation. Please represent our heartfelt voices.